

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
January 16, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, January 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Byron Hall, Paul Tighe, Carrie Vanschoiack, Kristina Nelsen

Absent: Tyler Kirkholm, Aaron Reis

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Abbie Uhl and District Secretary Amy Brand.

Visitors present: Several

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law

The meeting was duly called to order and the Superintendent announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Library.

II. Roll Call – All members present except Reis and Kirkholm.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Nelsen to approve the absence of Members Reis and Kirkholm. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Nelsen

Motion carried 4-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

IV. Annual Organizational Meeting

Superintendent Cruickshank asked for a motion to keep the officers the same as last year. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to keep all officers the same as the previous year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe

Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was turned over to President Tighe.

V. Discussion/Board Reorganization

A. The Board of Education discussed and choose committee assignments:

Americanism – Reis, Nelsen, Hall

Budget and Finance – Vanschoiack, Tighe, Hall

Building and Grounds – Kirkholm, Reis, Tighe

Negotiations – Hall, Kirkholm, Tighe

Transportation – Vanschoiack, Kirkholm, Nelsen

B. Code of Ethics Policy was reviewed by the Board.

C. Conflict of Interest Forms were distributed to members to fill out and return to Trish Rohde.

VI. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 19th regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense from General Fund.

3. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve all items presented

on the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

VII. Audiences

Josh Watchorn presented to the board his interest in starting a wrestling program for boys and girls in K-6, Jr. High and High School. Josh has had several students express interest to him and he will send out a survey to assess additional interest. The board is in favor of more opportunities for students and asked Josh to look in the different options for space to have the program.

Kristina Nelsen talked to the board about the possibility of a swimming cooperative with South Sioux City. South Sioux is in favor of this arrangement (up to 10 students). Mr. Cruickshank said we will see if there is any other interest and discuss at the February board meeting.

VIII Communications

Principal Tremayne was absent and will present to the board at next month's meeting.

Principal Uhl reported that MTSS Guidelines have been a priority and good for students. The January Professional Development schedule was discussed as well as Spring Parent/Teachers Conferences next month. Parents are able to sign up online for their conference time. Ms. Mueller had a TeamMates recruitment event on January 7th

which went well and got quite a few new names. TeamMates will host a school wide event at Cone Park the evening of January 27th and has upcoming events at a Musketeers game in March and the Husker Spring Game in April. Mrs. Uhl stated that TeamMates is also looking for two new members for their board. Elementary Enrichment had representatives from the Papio-Missouri River come and educate the students on owls and the Elementary Student Council will host a fun night on January 21st for grades 3-6.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that Board members who need to refile will need to do so by February 15. A transparent bullet resistant safety film was purchased for the front entrance to school as well as the main office windows. Bus leasing was talked about and the consideration of going back to our own bus fleet. Mr. Cruickshank showed examples for bus costs and other considerations of hiring and training new drivers. He will visit with other area superintendents who do their own busing and get a breakdown of costs and issues. Mr. Cruickshank handed out an overview on the Nebraska Legislature and will be attending the 2022 NRCSA Legislative Forum the end of February. He also handed out the 2022 Advocacy Handbook and went through some of the highlights.

There was no public comment.

IX. Discussion

- A. Facility Projects. Nothing to report on facility projects. A-Team is working on getting an updated proposal. We have SRIII money to use toward HVAC projects/replacements.
- B. The board reviewed the 2021-22 and 2022-23 calendar start and end dates. The calendar committee will review the 2022-23 calendar.

X. Discussion/Action

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the Extra Duty and Extended Contract Pay for Certified Staff Policy. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

XI. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to appoint the Dakota County Star as the newspaper of record for the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to appoint Perry, Guthery, Haase and Gessford as the legal firm representing the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Hall
The motion carried 4-0.

C. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve First Community Bank as the primary financial institution for the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Hall, Vanschoiack
The motion carried 4-0.

D. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the Athletic Director as the district's Non-discrimination/TitleIX Compliance Coordinator of the Homer Community School District. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen
The motion carried 4-0.

E. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Vanschoiack to authorize the superintendent to apply for state and federal funds. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

F. Consider action on the Return to School Plan. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Nelsen that the Board reviewed the Plan and acknowledged no changes were needed at this time. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

G. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the resignation of a certified personnel. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

H. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the employment of Casey Tremayne as the Secondary Principal. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Hall
The motion carried 4-0.

XII. Closed session –personnel and negotiations

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Hall to go into closed session at - 7:46 p.m. to discuss the collective bargaining strategies for certified teachers for the protection of the public's interest and to evaluate the job performance of a person to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. On roll call the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Hall, Vanschoiack
The motion carried 4-0.

The board exited closed session.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Nelsen to enter regular session at 8:38 p.m. On roll call the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Vanschoiack, Hall, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

XII. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for the 16th of February, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. on January 16, 2022.

Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Tighe, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Board Secretary

Dakota County School District #31R
a/k/a Homer Community School
BY: Paul Tighe, President