

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
July 13, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Aaron Reis, Byron Hall, Carrie Vanschoiack, Tyler Kirkholm & Paul Tighe

Absent: Kristina Nelsen

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Seth Lembke and Board Secretary Trish Rohde

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 in 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 Chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Library.

II. Roll Call – All members are present except Nelsen.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to excuse Member Nelsen from the meeting. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis

The motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Audiences

a. Keith Wright and Jamie Chamberlin from Ho-Chunk Inc. reported to the board on adding classrooms to the existing building. They would suggest a 40' x 140' area using a new foundation wall and HVAC would be the same as we have now. The project would take approximately 6 months to complete.

b. Rich Wintermute and Forrest Kramer from Christiansen Construction shared their proposal with the board to add classrooms to the existing building. The classrooms would be on the east side of existing building with perhaps a sky lighted hallway between the buildings. They estimate the project would take 6-8 months to complete.

- c. Jeff Reed supplied the board with quotes from 5 different businesses for new copy machines. These would take the place of printers in the classrooms. The board reviewed the comparisons.

V. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Reis seconded by Kirkholm to approve the consent agenda as presented. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 5-0.

VI. Communications

- a. Administrator reports:

Principal Lembke reported that prom was attended by about 50 students and everyone enjoyed the evening. The after-prom party was at Drop Zone. Graduation is set for July 25th at 2:00 p.m. The parents will have chairs located close to the stage and then each student will be allowed 8 chairs in a group for family members. One side of the bleachers will be allowed for anyone else wishing to attend. We are allowed seating at 50% capacity of the gym. A small award ceremony will take place on Friday, July 24th at 5:00 p.m. for seniors and parents. The seniors leave for their senior trip on July 20th.

Superintendent Cruickshank distributed the Board Self Evaluation to members and is due back to Trish by August 1st. The back to school plan is being reviewed with staff, board members and community group members. August 2nd will be the Pre-Kindergarten graduation party.

- b. There was no public comment.
- c. Celebrations: Prom went exceptionally well thanks to everyone involved and a special thanks to Lynn Rich and Brittany White.

VII. Discussion Items

- A. There has been one request for Option Enrollment so the board discussed that it would be fine to allow the student to attend Homer School.
- B. Building and grounds summer cleaning is complete. The HVAC ducts in the back gym have been painted and the freezer is installed. The track project is scheduled to start the week of July 27th. The parking lot repairs are scheduled.
- C. Substitute teacher pay was discussed with the board. It will be tabled until next month.
- D. Transportation fees were reviewed by the board. Durham has increased our transportation fee by 7% for the 2020-2021 school year.
- E. The school board association sent copies of new and revised policies for the board review. The new policies are #105.00 Return to School Committee, #205.08 Board Policy and Temporary Waivers and #607.10 Classroom Environment. The revised policies are #504.11 Weapons, #504.16 Searches and Seizures, #801.04 Bus Safety Program and #508.15 Concussion Awareness.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to increase transportation fees for non-resident students by 7% for 2020-21. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 5-0.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to authorize the superintendent to apply for all state and federal funding, including Title 1. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm

The motion carried 5-0.

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the copy machine lease presented from Eakes. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis

The motion carried 5-0.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to go into closed session at 9:13 p.m. to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 5-0.

The board convened to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to go into regular session. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 5-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. on July 13, 2020. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:
Trish Rohde
Secretary

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