

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
July 12, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:03 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 and Kristina Nelsen

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principals Seth Lembke and Abbie Uhl 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.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Motion was made by Reis 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, Kirkholm, Reis

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

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

The motion carried 6-0

V. Audiences

- a. Main gym sound system – Jeff Reed, Noelle Petersen, Bridget Anderson, Ashley Ziska visited with the board regarding the sound system in the main gym. Mr. Reed had obtained quotes from 2 companies. The board agreed that the system should be updated.

VI. Communications/ Discussion

a. Administrator reports:

Principal Uhl reported that the Eureka training for teachers in K-6 grades went very well. Summer School began today for elementary students and runs for 3 weeks. They plan to have different presenters each week. Mrs. Uhl presented the board with her handbook changes.

Principal Lembke reported that summer school is finished, and 10 students recovered 11 classes. He will have a 7th grade orientation the night of the Open House. Mr. Lembke presented the board with his handbook changes.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that new staff orientation will be on August 5th and staff in-service will be August 9-11. A back to school gathering will be held at the Warrior Hotel bowling alley from 5p.m. to 9p.m. on August 7th. Mr. Cruickshank presented the board with information on NASB area meeting and the Workshop from Perry Law Firm on August 5th. The new bus company, First Student, has been very pleasant to work with and communication is great. Mr. Reed has contacted a company to purchase our old Chromebooks for \$50 each. The new State Health Standards were given to the board for review. Districts are not required to adopt the standards. Staff hiring is complete. Samantha Kluver has accepted one of the para positions.

b. There was no public comment.

VII. Discussion Items

- A. Policies were given to the board that have minor changes and will be approved next month.
- B. Building and grounds are looking great for the start of school. Mrs. Uhl will move into Mr. Horner's office and Mr. Horner will move to the office inside the front entrance.
- C. ESSERII allocation is \$197,000 and will be used for new Chromebooks, Wifi upgrades and that leaves \$7,000 yet to be allocated before September 2023. ESSERIII allocation is \$442,435 and will be used for Math Curriculum, HVAC upgrade and that leaves \$12-36,000 left to allocate before September 2024. Safe Return to School Plan was reviewed and no changes were made.
- D. Substitute teacher and substitute para pay is above most area schools so no increase to pay will be made this school year. It was discussed that we should try to use NENTA subs this year.

VIII. Discussion/Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Reis to approve the option for the \$3,198,826 facilities construction/renovation that would add 2 rooms to the elementary side and 2 rooms to the JH/HS side. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Vanschoiack

Voting nay: Kirkholm, Hall

The motion carried 4-2.

- B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the changes to the student handbook for 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

- C. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Hall to approve the 7.74% increase to the transportation fees for out of district students for 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 6-0.
- D. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the 30 hour nursing service contract with Unity Point for 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm
The motion carried 6-0.
- E. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelson to approve the changes in the Safe Return to School Plan for 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis,
The motion carried 6-0.
- F. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the Superintendent authorization to apply for all state and federal funding, including Title 1 for 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall
The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to go into closed session at 8:42 p.m. to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall , Vanschoiack
The motion carried 6-0.

The board exited closed session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Reis to go into regular session. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen
The motion carried 6-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. on July 12, 2021. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 6-0.
The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:
Kristen Nelsen
Secretary

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