

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
June 8, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Paul Tighe, Byron Hall, Aaron Reis, Kristina Nelsen and Tyler Kirkholm

Absent: Carrie Vanschoiack

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 Vanschoiack.

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

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

The motion carried 5-0

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the agenda as presented.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Vanschoiack

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the May 13th regular meeting and May 28th special meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$429,463.41 from General Fund.

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

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

Absent: Vanschoiack

Motion carried 5-0.

V. Audience and Discussion

A. Roger Heck from Lauritsen Insurance and Dave Heck from NE Nebraska Insurance presented the board with information regarding the insurance renewal pricing. EMC Insurance is the largest school insurance company. The company pays us a dividend each year.

VI. Communications

Principal Lembke reported that high school summer school will run in conjunction with elementary summer school which is July 20 – August 7. Students will use the Edgenuity program to assist with credit recovery. The Master Schedule has been completed except for the Special Education teachers will need to set their own schedule. The first day of summer workouts went very well and students were very respectful of the rules. Professional Development for this fall is being planned. Future Ready Nebraska Conference will be June 15 and 16 and Mr. Lembke will be attending. Mr. Lembke will be on vacation July 13-17.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that a new policy regarding Title IX needs to be changed and included in our handbooks. All staff will need to be trained on this new policy. The superintendent evaluation was sent electronically to the board and needs to be returned to Trish by July 1.

B. Public comment: Grant Lander addressed the board regarding his desire to participate in Cross Country. He can't participate in football due to injuries but would like to have the opportunity for Cross Country.

C. Celebrations: The following teachers received a master's degree from Wayne State: Katie Mueller, Staci Smith, Abbie Uhl and Nicholle Edwards received her bachelor's degree. Kristina Nelsen has accepted a position as an Instructor in the Education Dept. at Wayne State. Congratulations to all.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Cross Country: The board has been approached by Grant Lander to initiate a cross country team at Homer. All the necessary paperwork has been submitted to NSAA for a girl and boys' team if approved. This would be for grades 9-12. The board discussed the number of students this might involve and the pay for the coach. It is hoped that the program would contract more students once it is started.

B. Building and Grounds: The summer inside cleaning is complete except for waxing the floors. The duct work in the auxiliary gym is complete and Glover painting will paint the ducts. The kitchen freezer will be installed June 9 and 10. The track project will begin the week of July 27th. Nine blue spruce trees were planted through the Re-tree Nebraska Grant. The goal posts may be moved to fit 8-man football dimensions. Bill is contacting Ho-Chunk and Christiansen Construction to speak at the July meeting regarding additional construction. Frank's Asphalt will repair the front parking lot.

C. Covid-19: The board was provided with the latest direct health measure from NE Dept. of Health; the Dakota County Courthouse will open back up on June 15th with restrictions of social distancing. The board was given a job description for a health clerk that will be needed to assist the nurse; the plan is to use current paras. The summer school waiver form was shared with the board; it will be determined if we can transport students. Emails were shared with the board regarding NSAA's

position on athletic and activities as well as the Cares Act Revenue distribution. St. Paul's Church will be allowed to use the school parking lot for Sunday service. The bus route schedules are being reviewed for the number of students riding. We will be starting a Covid 19 Advisory Committee consisting of students, parents, staff and board members. The school calendar may need to be adjusted but will be worked on later. A survey will be compiled later this month and sent out to parents regarding starting school in the fall.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the hiring of John Blomstedt for the Social Studies Teacher/JH Coaching for the 2020-2021 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall
Absent: Vanschoiack
The motion carried 5-0.

B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the Graduation requirement changes of 2 semesters of Computer Science or Business Courses and 1 semester of Personal Finance to the handbook. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Nelsen
Absent: Vanschoiack
The motion carried 5-0.

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the changes to the student handbook. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Tighe
Absent: Vanschoiack
The motion carried 5-0.

D. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the district's property/casualty/workmen's compensation insurance price of \$60,097.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm
Absent: Vanschoiack
The motion carried 5-0.

E. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the girls and boys cross country program. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis
Absent: Vanschoiack
The motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to set the Cross-County Coach stipend at 6% of the BA salary. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis
Voting nay: Hall
Absent: Vanschoiack
The motion carried 4-1.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to go into closed session at 10:45 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Vanschoiack

The motion carried 5-0.

The board reconvened to regular session.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to convene to regular session at 10:50 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Vanschoiack

The motion carried 5-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 p.m. on June 8, 2020.

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

Absent: Vanschoiack

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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