

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
March 12, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Carrie Vanschoiack, Byron Hall, Tim Murphy, Aaron Reis and Paul Tighe

Absent: Tyler Kirkholm

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Randy Pirner, Principal Lora Crowe 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 Kirkholm. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to excuse Member Kirkholm from the meeting. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

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, Murphy, Tighe, Reis

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the February 14th meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$366,952.35 from General Fund.

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

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

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications and Discussion

a. Principal Crowe reported the Professional Development Day on Feb. 26th was a day of reviewing Test Wiz, Smart Goals, Field Trip etiquette, Journey program, AdvancEd video, and NSCAS. The Business Appreciation Day was attended by 10 of the 27 businesses invited. The

Business invitations will be reviewed for next year so as not to miss anyone. We currently have 27 preschoolers signed up. Jump Rope for Heart will kickoff on March 14th. The Elementary Pride Assembly will be on March 16th. The parent meeting for kindergarten roundup will be April 16th at 6:30 p.m. and Kindergarten roundup will be held on April 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Celebrations: The Band and Elementary Spring Concert on Feb. 27th received many compliments as parents left the gym. The Elementary Fun Night was a Murder/Mystery with 67 students attending to enjoy the night and ice cream sundaes.

Principal Pirner reported that the ACT practice test will be on March 15th and MAP testing will be April 9-20 for 7th and 8th graders which includes Language Arts, Reading, Math and Science. Mrs. Tremayne was very pleased with the Conference Art Show, the students who participated did very well. The Canvas Training will be rescheduled to April 13th. The selection of the girls and boys all conference basketball teams will be on March 12th via Zoom. The first track meet will be March 16th at the Wayne State Indoor Track and the Ivan Krumweide meet will be on April 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Celebrations: The Speech team has had great success and congratulations to all the band students that will be attending All State Band in Kearney on March 24th and Jazz Band students for achieving a superior rating at UNO festival.

Jeff Reed provided the board with quotes for staff laptop systems so all would be uniform which will be a huge time savings for him. The laptops will be purchased from Sterling Computers and the bags will be from RTI.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that there is one applicant for the JH/HS SPED Teacher position and two applicants that need to send more information. There are three applicants for the Head Volleyball position. Custodian Bob Hill will be leaving on March 23rd so we will be looking to fill his position. Mr. Hall and Superintendent Cruickshank attended the NASB Finance Workshop in Lincoln. It was worthwhile and a good review of funds and their uses. Thanks to Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Lark Rich and Ms. Mueller for coordinating and hosting the Business and Community Outreach event. March 16th will be the last work day for the AdvancED site visit. The board members that will be on the interview team will be Vanschoiack, Hall and Murphy. Superintendent Cruickshank will attend the Rural School Conference in Kearney.

VI. Discussion

- a. Building and Grounds Committee update: The committee recommends going forward with the joint purchase of the track timing system with Ponca and Laurel. Further input is needed regarding repairs and insurance. We will be advertising for bids for a 40 x 100 storage building. The gym floors will be refinished this summer and the HS business room will be split into 2 rooms. Carpet replacement will be this summer and landscaping the front of the building. A custodian working from 20-40 hours per week was discussed.
- b. Legislative update: Superintendent Cruickshank provided the board with the legislative bills that are pending.
- c. Policy update: The board will need to review policies on Lice and Nits and all also pregnant students. Those will be reviewed at the April meeting.

- d. Student opportunity and time utilization suggestions from staff was presented to the board. A follow up meeting of the Administration, Leadership Team, and Guidance will be on March 13th. Board member input is welcomed.
- e. The board was presented with a summary of current weighted grading policy and the proposed changes from Mr. Horner and Mr. Pirner.

VII. Action Items

- a. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Murphy to approve the revised 2017-2018 school calendar. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Murphy, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack
The motion carried 5-0.
- b. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve to pay the entry fees and gas/transportation cost for the National Speech Competition. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Vanschoiack, Murphy
Voting nay: Hall
The motion carried 4-1.
- c. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the recommendations from the building and grounds committee to purchase 1/3 of the track timing system and put out the invitation for bids on a 40x100 storage building. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe
The motion carried 5-0.
- d. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to approve the classified staff salary increase of 2.93% and benefits for the 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Hall, Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe
The motion carried 5-0.
- e. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the 2018-2019 ESU#1 Service Contract for Special Education services. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe, Reis
The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to adjourn to closed session at 8:58 p.m. to discuss the negotiation of administrative contracts for the protection of the public's interest. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe, Reis, Hall
The motion carried 5-0.

The board reconvened to regular session at 9:08 p.m.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. on March 12, 2018.

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2018.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

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