

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
March 11, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, March 11, 2019 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, Tim Murphy, Tyler Kirkholm and Paul Tighe

Absent: Byron Hall, Aaron Reis

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

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Nelsen, Kirkholm

The motion carried 4-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Trish Rohde asked that Action Item C be changed to approve the first reading and waive the second reading and delete Action Item D.

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

Voting for: Tighe, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the February 26<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$371,605.00 from General Fund. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Kirkholm to approve all Consent Agenda items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

## V. Audiences

a. Brooklyn Schmidt and Malaki Holmes demonstrated their speech to the board and did a fantastic performance. They will participate in Districts on March 13<sup>th</sup> in Bancroft. The top three placements from each category will be chosen to attend State Speech.

b. Caryn Anderson from Sector Now presented to the board regarding a video touch display board for the front entry way. The list is long on options for the display, but a few are the entire yearbook, sports events, speech, classroom projects, newsletter and pdf's. All screens can be customized to what we like. She supplied the board with a hand out that offered different options and pricing.

## VI. Communications

- a. Principal Crowe reported that 10 businesses were recognized personally at the Community Business Recognition Assembly. It was great to see the cheer team perform. Parent-Teacher conferences were at 94% attendance. Lunchtime Solutions helped students celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with green eggs and ham and a coloring contest. There were 27 award winners at the Pride Assembly and they were treated to lunch with the principal. Kindergarten Roundup will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30. The theme is Rocking in Our Kindergarten Shoes. The current preschool enrollment is at 23.

Superintendent Cruickshank provided the board with a NASB update. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Joint Cities/County/School Meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Those attending will be Supt. Cruickshank, Members Vanschoiack, Nelsen and Kirkholm. Congratulations to Hannah Harris and Caleb Kearnes for being chosen All Conference Basketball. The JH Band and 7 students received an Excellent rating from the Middle School Festival. The JH Choir and 18 students received Superior ratings. The speech team has numerous students that have received awards and the team received 1<sup>st</sup> place out of 16 teams at Creighton Speech Meet. Parent-Teacher conferences had 40% turn out rate. On March 25<sup>th</sup> Mr. Lembke (the new principal) will be at school.

Celebrations: The Elementary / 5-12<sup>th</sup> Band Spring Concert was wonderful and well attended by family and friends. Congrats to all the Band, Speech and Basketball Students!

### Public Comment:

Ms. Mueller stated that the TeamMates program is progressing nicely, and they will present to staff in April. They are hoping to have 20 matches the first year.

## VII. Discussion

- a. Portable classroom space was discussed by the board. Mr. Cruickshank will contact a representative from NuTrend Homes to come to the next board meeting for further discussion.
- b. The 2018-19 Calendar has no more days to make up as of right now. The 2019-20 Calendar is still under review regarding professional development days. The calendar will need to be approved in April.
- c. Staffing: There are 4 candidates that will be interviewed on March 14<sup>th</sup> for the elementary teacher opening. Mrs. Redel has submitted her retirement/resignation letter and her current position will be absorbed with the current staff. We currently

have a math position open on the high school side. Mr. Zoucha filled the assistant high school track coach position. p

VIII. Action Items

a. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the Bond Fund of \$4,465.92 to be transferred to the General Fund. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

b. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Nelsen to approve the amendments to Policy 408.6 – Early Retirement Incentive Policy. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

c. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the first reading of Policy 717 - Disposal of Property under Federal Grants and waive the second reading. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

d. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the increase of nursing hours from Unity Point Clinic to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

e. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the resignation of Jeanne Redel, Business Teacher at the close of the 2018-19 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Kirkholm to adjourn to closed session at 9:08 p.m. to discuss the negotiations with Administration and Classified Staff to protect the reputation of an individual and the public's interest. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

The board reconvened to regular session at 9:24 p.m.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to return to regular session at 9:24 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. on March 11, 2019.

Voting for: Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2019.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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