

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
March 11, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:06 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

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

Visitors present: Jeff Reed

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

Superintendent Cruickshank asked to add to Action Items #h Employment of Certified Staff.

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

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the February 12th regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$421,188.40 from General Fund.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve all Consent Agenda items.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Closed Session

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to enter closed session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the bargaining strategy for determining wages, salaries, and staffing for the protection of the public's interest and to discuss a personnel and students matter to protect the reputation of an individual.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The board reconvened to regular session at 8:33 p.m.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to return to regular session at 8:33 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

VI. Communications

Principal Lembke reported that the speech team placed 1st at several meets and 3rd place at conference and 4th place at Wakefield. Conference art received many awards with outstanding art work. All Conference Basketball went to Caleb Karnes, Scott Kearnes, Landon Gilster, Hannah Harris and Katie Baker. Middle School Choir received a Superior rating and Band received an Excellent rating. Many students received superior ratings on their solos. The high school choir will be going to Kansas City on May 26th and 27th and will be singing at World's of Fun.

March 16th will be district speech here in Homer. March 18th we will host a National Honor Society Induction ceremony at 9:30 a.m. The student handbook will be reviewed by Mr. Lembke, the leadership team and student council.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that the PK-5 and 6-12 music concerts were a tremendous success thanks to Mrs. Anderson and Ms. Petersen for their leadership. Current enrollment is at 418. MTSS is going well and staff has started collaborative observation of model teachers. On March 19th the Culture and Environment Committee will host a Business and Community Appreciation Breakfast. The breakfast will be held from 7-10 a.m. in the back gym. There is an interest in the community of starting a Lego Robotics team in Homer.

Public Comment: None

VII. Discussion

- a. Staffing – The Business Technology position has been filled and interviews will be conducted this week for the elementary teaching position. The elementary special education position has received one applicant so far.
- b. Building and Grounds: We received a quote from Tennis Court Unlimited to repair the track this spring for \$14,650 and a quote of \$129,500 to resurface the track this summer. The track is unusable this spring unless the repairs are made.
- c. CoronaVirus/COVID-19 information was supplied to the board for review. We will follow the guidelines from the Department of Health if we need to close the school.

VIII. Action Items

No motion was made regarding the hiring of a full-time special education teacher in order to obtain additional information regarding the position.

b. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the 2020-21 School Calendar. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm
The motion carried 6-0.

c. No motion was made on the 2019-20 school calendar as the last snow day was waived so there were no changes to the school calendar.

d. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the proposal from Durham Transportation for the school's bus service for 2020-21 through 2022-23. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe
The motion carried 6-0.

e. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Vanschoicak to approve the compensation for the JH/HS Principal of 2.6% increase for the 2020-21 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis
The motion carried 6-0.

f. Motion was made by Vanschoicak and seconded by Reis to approve the track repair this spring. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall
The motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the track resurface this summer. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Nelsen
Voting nay: Hall
The motion carried 5-1.

g. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the resignation of Alexis Beavers. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm
The motion carried 6-0.

h. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the hiring of Aaron Sarges as the Business/Instructional Technology Teacher for the 2020-21 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack
The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

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

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m. on March 11, 2020.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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