

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
March 16, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 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, Tyler Kirkholm, Kristina Nelsen, Paul Tighe, Byron Hall, and Aaron Reis

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principals Abbie Uhl and Casey Tremayne 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 Nelsen to approve the agenda as presented.

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 16th regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense from General Fund.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis 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. Communications

Principal Uhl reported on the March Professional Development days. March 2nd the 3-6 grades had PLC meetings. The leadership team will be discussing handbook updates for the 2022-23 school year. The Jump Rope for Heart program will run from March 28th –

April 8th. The class that raises the most money will receive a popcorn or ice cream party. The NSCAS Incentive will be on May 6th, the elementary track meet will be on May 10th from 12:35-3:25 and the Last Blast will be on May 13th from 8:30-11:00 with a noon dismissal. We had 47 people attend the Dr. Seuss Spring Read In. Mrs. Rich did an excellent job in organizing the weekly activities. Knight Pride celebrated 37 awards in Q1, 34 awards in Q2, 54 awards in Q3 and Q4 will be celebrated on May 3rd. Our teammates will be attending the Nebraska Spring Game on April 9th. We currently have 20 students waiting for a mentor. Elementary Enrichment students will enjoy a presentation from Kayleen at Papio Missouri River NRD regarding Adaptations. Elementary Student Council will host a Fun Night on March 25th from 6:00-8:00p.m. They will enjoy dodgeball and root beer floats. The Cultural Connections/ACE Grant did a lunch and learn on March 16th and 17th. They played a Moccasin game and Native American focused books were provided to students and classrooms. On April 11th Jessie Rencountre will present to students on Native American culture.

Principal Tremayne reported that the failing list is moving in the right direction with the help of the Intervention list. The tardy detentions are getting better as students figure it out. Lunch with the Principal was on March 9 and will be again on March 30th. Jazz Band performed great at Bellevue and received a 1st place rating and will compete again on March 22nd and 28th. The Secondary Band and Chorus Concert was on March 3rd and was a huge success. Homer hosted the District Speech meet on March 5th. It was a great day and out of 17 final events we held 15 of those. We have 7 students that qualified for State Speech on March 17 at Kearney High School. We had 49 students from 6th, 7th and 8th grade attend the Wayne State Middle School Music Festival. We had 20 students qualify for Class C All State Band and will perform on March 19th in Kearney. There are 18 girls, 25 boys out for HS Track with their first track meet is in Wayne on Friday. We have 40+ students out for JH Track, and 9 students out for Golf with Brian Barto as golf coach. Home Track meets are on April 8th at 1:00 p.m. and April 14th at 12:00p.m. Home Golf meet is at Old Dane on April 28th and starts at 12:00p.m. April 5th is a test day for grades 7-12. Work is continuing on the Master Schedule for school year 2022-2023. Morgan Barner has resigned her math position and we have a very positive interview with a Wayne College Graduate tomorrow. Bobby Truhe will present to students on Digital Citizenship.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported the enrollment is at 431. The board was provided a proof of the wrestling mat. The design was chosen by students and consists of 7 mats grouped together. Board members may still sign up for the 44th Annual Joint County/City/School meeting if you wish to attend. Graduation is May 14th so be thinking of who would like to assist with passing out diplomas.

Public Comment: Jeff Reed is researching the cost of a new telephone system as the current one we are no longer able to get parts. He is working with Quality Communications. The new sound system is working great.

VI. Discussion

- a. Facility addition and renovation from BCDM Architects, Matthew Erion was reviewed with the board. The elementary remodel will consist of 2 classroom, 2 intervention rooms, restroom, and access to the exterior. The high school remodel

will add 2 science rooms, student space/study hall/remote learning, a flex classroom and access to the exterior. The HVAC system will be new with a single control unit, ceiling tiles and ductwork replaced and new lighting in hallways.

- b. Transportation – The board reviewed the information provided by Ponca on their Transportation program. The board worries if we could find competent drivers if we ran our own routes. We have the option to go back to 4 routes with First Student bus service next school year. No decisions made at this time.

VII. Discussion/Action

- a. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve policies 204.10, 204.11, 204.12, 702.02, 702.03, 702.03R1, 702.03R2, and 702.03R3. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis
The motion carried 6-0.
- b. The board discussed sports sharing with South Sioux City. Superintendent Cruickshank received word from South Sioux City that they will do no sports sharing. This means that the swimming program that was voted to proceed will not happen.

VIII. Action Items

- a. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the plans, specifications and bid process for the facility addition and renovation. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe
The motion carried 6-0.
- b. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the resignation of Morgan Barner as HS Math teacher at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall
The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to enter into closed session at 8:43 p.m. to discuss negotiations and a Personnel issue for the protection of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen
The motion carried 6-0.

The board exited closed session.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Hall to enter regular session at 9:46 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm
The motion carried 6-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoicak and seconded by Hall to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. on March 16, 2022.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2022.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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