

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

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Byron Hall, Kristina Nelsen, Aaron Reis, Paul Tighe, Tyler Kirkholm and 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 & 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 noted that he would like a closed session at the end of the meeting.

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

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the April 15th regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$446,060.84 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: Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Hall

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Audiences

A. Cody Wickham from D.A. Davidson presented the board with financing considerations for construction of a new classroom. The options for funding would be

Lease Purchase Certificates of Participation for a period of 7 years or General Obligation Construction Notes for a period of 4 years and renewable as needed. The special building fund would also be used for the construction.

VI. Communications

A. Administrative Reports:

Principal Lembke has no report but will comment on discussion later in the meeting.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported the nursing contract has been corrected to show the correct number of hours. We are looking at State Aid for next year at \$2,087,990.00. The elementary students will return laptops and all school assignments on May 15th and 17th. We will apply for the CARES Act funds when possible in the sum of \$53,583.14. It is not known at this time if Summer School will take place remotely or in the building.

B. There was no public comment.

VII. Discussion Items

- a. Staffing: We have received 9 applications for the Social Studies position so interviews will take place later this week.
- b. Building and Grounds: The staff is ahead of schedule on summer work, the classrooms are cleaned, and floors will need to be waxed, and outside work done to maintain the grounds. The sprinklers at the football field will be moved so that water is not running under the track. We will obtain estimates on remodeling so that we know how many dollars would be needed.
- c. Corona Virus / Covid-19: The payment to Durham is still under review, our Grab n Go Lunch program will run through June 30, 2020, Launch Nebraska will provide sessions to Administration and Teachers to assist with direction to help wrap up this school year and provide input as to what needs to happen this fall. The Education Commission reported that we are short 233 instructional hours (34 days) compared to last year.
- d. Principal Lembke would like to adjust the Graduation requirements to include 2 semesters of Computer Science or Business Courses and 1 semester of Personal Finance. This addition will be adopted in the handbook.
- e. The Student Handbook 20-21 will be amended to clean up the language regarding passing grades and ineligibility of students for extracurricular activities.
- f. The breakfast and lunch service were up for bid this year. The only proposal received was from Lunchtime Solutions which will increase breakfast cost by \$.05 and lunch cost by \$.10.

VIII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the resignation of Garrett Zoucha at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted: Voting for: Reis, Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the breakfast increase of \$.05 and lunch increase of \$.10 service proposal from Lunchtime Solutions. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Reis
The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to enter into closed session at 9:38 p.m. for the protection of the Public's interest. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm
The motion carried 6-0

The Board left closed session at 9:51 p.m.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to enter regular session at 9:52 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Hall
The motion carried 6-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, June 8, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. on May 11, 2020.

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack
The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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