

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
May 10, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 10, 2021 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 asked to remove item 5a.

Motion was made by Vanschoicak 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 12th regular meeting.

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

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis 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. No speech presentation.

B. Transportation – Dean Carroll from First Student/Mid States Bus company discussed the contract pricing with the board and answered questions. All buses will hold 71 students and most repairs will be maintained by Mid States themselves for faster turn around time. The contract will run for 3 years.

C. Assessment and Data Presentation – Ms. Peterson, Mrs. Krause and Mrs. Uhl presented to the board the NSCAS, MAP, Aimsweb and Preschool Gold testing results. The students did a good job of maintaining or improving the scores from fall to winter testing.

D. Facilities Plan – Cody Wickham from D.A. Davidson presented the board with scenario financing options if needed. The options are using Tax Anticipation Notes or a Lease Purchase. Both options could be paid off sooner if the funds are available. Matt Herian, with BCDM presented the board with four different construction phases that were drafted. The board would like them to simplify the designs for construction on both sides of the building at the same time.

Member Nelsen said that she has heard complaints from track fans that our restrooms do not have hot water for hand washing. Also, the bleachers are not very user friendly for the elderly and there is no spot for wheelchairs among the bleachers. Quotes to add ramp access to the bleachers will be obtained. There is currently a hot water heater being added to the concession area.

## VI. Communications/Discussions

### A. Administrative Reports:

Principal Lembke reported that the failing numbers are getting better and there are only 2 remote learners. Summer school will run from June 1 – 18 with Mrs. Peitz, Mrs. Delperdang and Ms. Barner facilitating. The senior trip and graduation went very well. The State Patrol will be here tomorrow to demonstrate the importance of seat belts being worn. Mr. Horner was named the State Colleges Counselor of the year and was honored with a surprise assembly. He was nominated by Caleigh Rohde. The last day of school is May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported we currently have 434 students in PreK-12 grades. The elementary teachers will have PD on May 21 for the new math curriculum. The ESSERII funds have been allocated to technology. The ESSERIII funds will be approximately \$434,400 in which 20% needs to be used for learning loss. The funds can be used for facility projects such as replacing HVAC units. Member Tighe asked about air conditioning in the back gym. The board was supplied with information on State Health Standards. The elementary students will have their Last Blast day on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

B. There was no public comment.

## VII. Discussion Items/Action Items

a. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to amend the Return to School Plan to allow masks to be optional, with the exception of on the buses, for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

- b. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve no price increase for the breakfast and lunch fees for the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen  
The motion carried 6-0.
- c. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the updates to the equipment for the nutrition program for the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Reis, Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe  
The motion carried 6-0.
- d. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the hiring of TreyLynn Hermelbracht for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade position for the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Reis  
The motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the hiring of Trevin Launsby for the JH-HS Social Studies position for the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm  
The motion carried 6-0

- e. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the addition of a Cross Country assistant coach position for the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Hall  
The motion carried 6-0.
- f. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the termination agreement with Durham Transportation for the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack  
The motion carried 6-0.
- g. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the busing contract with First Student/Mid States Transportation the 2021-2024 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen  
The motion carried 6-0.

#### IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to enter into closed session at 11:51 p.m. to discuss a student matter to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Reis, Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen, Tighe  
The motion carried 6-0

The Board exited closed session at 12:05 a.m.

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to enter regular session at 12:06 a.m.

On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 a.m. on May 11, 2021.

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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