

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
July 13, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 8:03p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principals Casey Tremayne and Abbie Uhl and School Secretary Lynn Rich

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

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

The motion carried 6-0

V. Audiences

A. Project Superintendent, Jami Chamberlin from HO Chunk Construction addressed the board regarding the building project progress and time-lines for the next several weeks in the areas of soil testing, dirt work/footings, HVAC ducting and roof curbs. Mr. Chamberlain is pleased with the progress made so far on the project.

B. Abbie Uhl, Casey Tremayne and Tiece Krause presented to the board on Student Achievement data and assessments given to students by grade level.

VI. Communications/ Discussion

a. Administrator reports:

Principal Uhl reported on professional development ideas and schedule for 22/23 school year. She reported on handbook changes and the success of the S'more newsletter.

Principal Tremayne reported on handbook updates, professional development ideas and goals, and homecoming details.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that staffing for the current year is in good shape and ready for the start of the year. He also reported on new staff orientation and provided information on the NASB area membership meetings.

LAN Mgr./Tech Coordinator, Jeff Reed reported on new phone system installation progress. He also talked about utilities relocate and fire alarm system.

Public Comment: Community member shared thoughts on building project.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Policies were given to the board that have minor revisions and one new policy.

The Policy 702.3/LB 644 is if the taxing entity does not raise their total dollar tax asking by roughly more than 2%, the budget adoption procedures are similar to previous years. If the total tax asking exceeds 2% then the taxing entity must participate in a Joint Public Hearing with other taxing entities in the county that exceed their asking by 2%. This will not be an issue for 2022-23, as the board will decrease their property tax asking.

B. Budget:

The board reviewed the history for property tax asking and state aid.

The budget process will be discussed in greater detail at the August regular meeting and August budget workshop. The budget hearing, levy hearing, and adoption of the 2022-23 budget will happen in September. The budget must be approved by September 20th.

VIII. Discussion/Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the changes to the student handbook for 2022-2023 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the contract with First Student Transportation for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the 10.3% increase to the transportation fees for out of district students for 2022-2023 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

D. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the Safe Return to School Plan for the 2022-2023 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the Superintendent authorization to apply for all state and federal funding, including Title 1 for 2022-2023 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to go into closed session at 10:05p.m. to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The board exited closed session at 10:07p.m.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to go into regular session at 10:07p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

X. Time/Date of next meetings

The next regular board meeting is set for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The Budget Workshop meeting is set for Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 10:14p.m. on July 13, 2022. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 13th day of July 2022.

ATTEST:
Kristen Nelsen
Secretary

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