

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
November 12, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Byron Hall, Tyler Kirkholm, Aaron Reis, Carrie Vanschoiack & Paul Tighe

Absent: Tim Murphy

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Lora Crowe & 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 except Murphy.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to excuse Member Murphy from the meeting to attend a planned vacation. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Murphy

The motion carried 5-0

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

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

Absent: Murphy

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 8th meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$475,587.42 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: Reis, Hall, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe

Absent: Murphy

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Audiences

A. Katie Mueller and Brittany White distributed handouts to the board about TeamMates which is a youth mentoring program that was started by Tom and Nancy Osborne in the early 1990's. There is an interest from Elementary and JH-HS staff to start a chapter at Homer. This gives students a role model to look up to for direction and guidance or just reading a book or playing games together. The board approved to move forward with a chapter at Homer.

B. The elementary teachers demonstrated the interactive panels that are on a free trial period for classroom teachers to utilize learning applications. Jeff Reed explained that the old smartboards are very outdated as far as technology capabilities. The interactive panels allow 4-6 children to work on tasks at the same time. Teachers thought the panels would make great learning tools.

VI. Communications

a. Public Comment: None

b. Mrs Crowe reported that she, Jeff Horner and Kevin Rohde attended the reunification drill at SSC school on Oct. 18th. The drill was very organized to reunite children with parents. We have changed our fire drill so that elementary students have a specific location in the parking lot and teachers hold up a red or green sign after taking attendance. A MTSS Support Team visit will be held on November 16th. The team will visit each classroom for observations and collect data on students interaction to give feedback to the teachers. There were 25 Knights Way award winners at the Pride Assembly and 27 students celebrated November birthdays. Mrs. Crowe eats lunch with the award winners. Mrs. Crowe, Peggy Terwee and Brittany White attended the SPED Law Conference. The fall read in was a huge success and students enjoy receiving free books.

Mr. Cruickshank reported that the Quiz Bowl team placed 2nd at the conference competition. On November 8th the high school students attended an assembly from Todd Jadow. He spoke to students about his athletic and life experiences and about making positive life choices. The Halloween Carnival was a huge success. It is great to see the students, parents and community members having a good time. Bridget Anderson, Noelle Peterson and Casey Tremayne did a great job on the Veteran's program. Current student enrollment is at 391. The negotiation committee and teachers will be meeting soon to discussion the salary for the next school year. 26% of our students were either on the A or A/B Honor Roll.

Celebrations: Congratulations to the 25 Award Winners at the Pride Assembly and the Title 1 Read In participation was great. The Veteran Program was a huge success and congratulation to those students on the A or A/B Honor Roll. Congratulations to Carson Gaarder, Alison Nelsen, Tim Harris and Brooklyn Schmidt for placing 2nd at Quiz Bowl Competition in Wayne.

VII. Discussion

a. District/Board Goals and Priorities were reviewed with the Board. The board made changes to item 1C of the goals.

b. Building and Grounds: The KPE Architects will be following up with general possible proposals regarding utilization of school space. The storage shed building walkthrough was conducted by Tim Murphy, Bill McPherran and Mr. Cruickshank. There are some minor things to clean up. Mr. Chase's shop classes will be building

the interior wall that will separate the maintenance workspace from the rest of the facility. Bill is also working on idea's to remove the paint on the restroom walls.

- c. Audit booklets were distributed to the board and if they have any questions please let Trish or Mr. Cruickshank know. It will be discussed at a later date regarding our auditor for next year.

VIII. Action Items

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the District/Board Goals and Priorities for 2018-2019 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hall, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis
Absent: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to enter into closed session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss negotiations and staffing, including administrative configuration for the 2018-2019 school year for the protection of the public's interest. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall
Absent: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.

The board reconvened to public session at 10:46 p.m.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to enter into regular session at 10:46 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Kirkholm
Absent: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m. on November 12, 2018. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Kirkholm
Absent: Murphy
The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 12th day of November 2018.

ATTEST:
Carrie Vanschoiack
Secretary

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