

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
November 11, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, November 11, 2019 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, Paul Tighe and Kristina Nelsen

Absent: Carrie Vanschoiack

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Seth Lembke & Board Secretary Trish Rohde

Visitors present: Jeff Reed

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 Vanschoiack

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

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

The motion carried 5-0

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the agenda as presented.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 14th meeting.

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

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve all Consent Agenda items.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications

a. Public Comment: None

- b. Mr. Lembke reported that we will host the District Speech Contest on March 16, 2020 so school will need to be cancelled for students. He and Mr. Horner have been discussing the possibility of starting an Agriculture program and FFA at the school. We would have to have an Ag teacher who teaches 4 different Ag courses per year. Mr. Lembke will work on how much interest the students would take in this. We are looking to add some Intro to Education Courses in conjunction with Wayne State College. Any staff member with a master's degree in education discipline can teach the course. The next couple weeks will involve discussion with the science teachers on what is needed to update the science rooms. Michael Cobb spoke to students regarding choices and attitudes. His favorite quote is "You aren't born a winner. You aren't born a loser. You're born a chooser."

Homecoming events went very well. A survey was conducted among students and the feedback will be shared with the HC Committee.

Mr. Cruickshank reported that the State Education Conference is November 20-22nd at the CHI Health Center in downtown Omaha. The board was provided with the NCRSA District newsletter. Average daily attendance for October was 95%. Thanks to Amy Brand and the Elevate Wellness Program the school received a check for \$6,000 to be used on employee wellness. The first meeting of the negotiation team was held in the lunchroom to discuss the ground rules for negotiations. The EHA has announced that the insurance rates for 2020-21 will increase 6.71% which results in a total increased cost of \$25,352.96. The board feels like the current interactive board in the lobby is utilized by the public very well. The cement work around the storage shed and discus rings is complete. Mr. Cruickshank would like the board to take morning tours of the building to see the utilization of space. The Elementary Pride Assembly and Elementary Fun Night were successful and well attended. High School staff has been focused on canvas software training and Elementary staff are focused on MTSS Training. The Christmas Party is Friday, December 6th at Old Dane.

Celebrations: The staff received a check for \$6,000 for challenges completed through the Elevate Wellness Program. These funds will be used for staff wellness promotions.

VI. Discussion

- a. Transportation – The RFP has been reviewed and revised and will be sent out sometime after the board has reviewed to see if changes are needed.
- b. A copy of the Audit was given to each board member to review. The audit approval will be on the December board agenda.

VII. Action Items

No action taken.

VIII. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. on November 11, 2019. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of November 2019.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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