

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

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 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, Principals Abbie Uhl and Seth Lembke & 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 Vanschoiack.

Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Nelsen to approve Member Vanschoiack's absence. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Superintendent Cruickshank as to remove Grant Lander from the agenda.

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

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 11th meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and 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: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Audiences

Noelle Peterson addressed the board regarding the purchase of new band uniforms. The current uniforms are 21 years old. She is working with Fruhauf Company who will come to our location and measure the students to be sure correct sizes are ordered. Some extra sizes will be ordered for future band students. The quote for 75 uniforms is \$44,531.25 and band will try to fundraise a portion of the money.

VI. Communications

a. Public Comment: None

b. Mrs. Uhl reported that K, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade toured the fire hall, the trunk or treat was a huge success with 23 volunteers for K-6 grade and PreK did a trick or treat around school on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. The Spotlights for November will be Kindergarten. The Veteran Day program will be Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with a community breakfast from 7:15-9:30. Elementary Enrichment which consists of 24 students met on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> with a trivia showdown. The next meeting is on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and they will learn about leaf colors and animal classification with Steve Tyler. The Elementary Student Council which consists of 17 students meet weekly before school. They will host a fun night in January with a movie. Mastery Connect was the focus of the Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Professional Development which addressed Standards based assessments.

c. Mr. Lembke reported the assembly with Lee Rouson, 2x Super Bowl Champion with the NY Giants was a huge success. His focus of topic was Who Are You. It was a great motivation for the students. There are currently 28 students with failing courses. Grade checks are on Monday and then anyone on the failing list is sent to that class teacher during their homeroom period to work on assignments. The high school also focused on Mastery Connect during the Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> PD.

Mr. Cruickshank reported that Heartland has started working with 5 students. The board was given a copy of the new cell phone procedures. The current enrollment is at 435. State Aid was recalculated, and we will receive an additional \$3,479 to the 2022-23 allocation. The Community Breakfast is Nov. 11 and Veteran Program at 10 a.m. The board was given information regarding the Northeast Ag Compact and Mr. Cruickshank will attend the zoom meeting regarding this. We currently have 2 staff members quarantined due to Covid. The board/staff Christmas party is Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 p.m. at the Warrior Ballroom bowling alley and lounge.

Celebrations – Grant Lander placed 3rd at State Cross Country. Tori Walker was chosen for VB All Conference and honorable mention was given to Bradie Johnson and Rylie Harris. Chosen for FB All District were Avery Overfelt, Austin Baker, Jon Munoz and Tru King and honorable mention to Josh Sanford, Hayden Overgaard and McKale Houfek.

VII. Discussion

a. Facilities – Nick from Navitas meet with Mr. Cruickshank, Bill McPherran and Tom from A-Team Heating and Cooling regarding the HVAC system. A-Team believe we can operate the school efficiently with smaller units that will be Covid 19 air quality approved. Matt Erion will meet with administration on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Up to 3 board members may attend that meeting. There will be timed lights put up at the tennis courts.

- b. ACE/Cultural Connections Grant contracts have been signed and positions have been filled. Samantha Kluver will be the Elementary Native American Student Success Coordinator. Katie Scott will be the Elementary and Academic Behavior Interventionist. Will Hunter-Maxwell will be the JH-HS Native American Student Success Coordinator. Winnebago School District was not in favor of us running a bus down in their district to pick up students.
- c. Transportation – We are still running 3 bus routes and a van route. Three paras' have been trained to run the van route. If we continue the van route we should probably purchase a 4 wheel drive van which is needed for other activities also. Currently First Student does not have a driver to run a 4<sup>th</sup> route. Board members feel we should run the 4<sup>th</sup> route with the bus service when a 4<sup>th</sup> driver is hired.
- d. Board/District Goals and Activities 2021-22 were reviewed.  
Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the Board/District Goals and Activities 2021-22. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Nelsen  
The motion carried 5-0.
- e. Safety Report was reviewed by the board. The cables on the basketball hoops will be inspected periodically.

### III. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to go into closed session at 9:42 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, Hall, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm  
The motion carried 5-0.

The board exited closed session.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded Nelsen to go into regular session at 9:50 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis  
The motion carried 5-0.

### IV. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to go into closed session at 9:51 p.m. to discuss the superintendent midyear evaluation to protect the reputation of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm  
The motion carried 5-0.

The board exited closed session.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded Hall to go into regular session at 11:00 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis  
The motion carried 5-0.

### X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular meeting will be on December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 p.m. on November 10, 2021. On roll call vote the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 10th day of November 2021.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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