

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
October 14, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 14, 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: Carrie Vanschoiack, Byron Hall, Kristina Nelsen, Paul Tighe
and Aaron Reis

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Seth Lembke &
District Secretary Amy Brand

Visitors present: One

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 Kirkholm.

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

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

Absent: Kirkholm

The motion carries 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

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

Absent: Kirkholm

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 11 budget hearing, levy rate hearing and regular meeting.

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

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

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Kirkholm

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications

Public Comment: None

Principal Lembke reported that Parent-Teacher conference attendance percentages are not as high as he would like them to be. Discussed possibly being more intentional about scheduling conferences with students and parents who teachers need more contact with. Homecoming is next week and a schedule of activities and dress up days was handed out to the board. The Veteran's Day Concert is November 11th at 10:00. All are welcome.

Superintendent/Principal Cruickshank reported the School Board Convention is in November if any board members are interested in going. Mr. Cruickshank shared the Rural School Update. He also shared the importance of services the ESU provides. Elementary teachers did a great job of being flexible and getting parents in for Parent Teacher Conferences. Staff had good and worthwhile Professional Development on September 26th and also on October 9th where staff focused on MTSS. The outside Preschool area has a new cement slab and also a storage shed. We also have someone coming to look at the track overlay and do repairs. Mr. Cruickshank also discussed Dakota County levies. Negotiations will meet before November 1st.

Celebrations: Mr. Lembke reported we had several students who made the Hawkfest Honor Band. Congratulations to them! Mr. Cruickshank said the Elementary having a 96% attendance rate was definitely a highlight.

VII. Discussion

- A. Transportation: RFP will go out after the November Board meeting for busing. The Board and Mr. Cruickshank will look over our current contract and the RFP before the next board meeting and make any changes that need to be made.
- B. Personnel: Mr. Cruickshank reported Joel Walker has been hired to help with custodial duties 15-17 hours per week. He will also start interviewing for new para positions. Mr. Cruickshank or Mr. Lembke will be attending the Teacher Fair at Wayne State College in November.

VIII. Action Items None.

VIII. Time/Date of next meeting

The next board meeting will be on November 11, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. on October 14, 2019. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

Absent: Kirkholm

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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