

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
October 11, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 11, 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: Carrie Vanschoiack, Byron Hall, Kristina Nelsen, Paul Tighe

Aaron Reis

Tyler Kirkholm arrived at 8:07 p.m.

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal 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 and Member Kirkholm will be late.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

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

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 13 budget hearing, levy rate hearing and regular meeting.

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

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to approve all Consent Agenda items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Audience

Nick Rosenberry from Navitas presented the board with his findings from the energy audit of the school. If we make some changes, we could have the potential to save 20-25% on utilities.

Member Kirkholm arrived at 8:07 p.m.

Mr. Rosenberry agreed that we should be looking to replace our oldest HVAC units.

## VI. Communications

Public Comment: Jeff Reed said that the power outage caused us about \$3,500 in repairs. All of our new access and wireless cabling has been installed.

Principal Uhl gave a huge thank you to everyone that helped organize this years homecoming activities. The elementary P-T conferences were attended by 91% of parents. The PD day focused on Data Analysis, developed action plans in Math and ELA, and worked on curriculum for Social Studies and Science. We have 26 students that qualified for the Enrichment program. There were 33 students in grades 3-6 that ran for elementary student council. There will be 2 elementary fun nights hosted by student council. They will include schoolwide recycling program as their service project and will raise money for American Heart Association with Jump for Heart program. Knight Pride will be back in a parade format for PK-6 grades. Watch social media and our website for pictures.

Principal Lembke reported that HOCO was a great week and class competitions were good. The dance was well attended, and kids were still having fun at the end of the night. P-T Conferences were attended by 43% of the parents (13% higher than last year). There are 32 students on the failing list. Parents of students with an F get an email from Mr. Lembke and if the student has 2 or more Fs the parent receives a phone call with the student in his office. The science teachers are looking at science curriculum. They are looking at a program that ties directly to the standards called Generation Genius. We will be participating in a NECC Early Advising pilot program to help advise students taking NECC courses.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that enrollment is at 438. If anyone wants to attend the State School Board Convention, please let us know. Some members of the Safety Committee will be attending a conference hosted by Dixon County Sheriff's Office on Profiling Teen Killers, School Shooter, Mass Murderers and Serial Killers. The board was given an email regarding the 2021 Certified School Valuation reports. It is still being reviewed about providing bus transportation to the Reservation using the funds from the ACE/Cultural Connections Grant.

Celebrations: Congrats to Sammy O, Saraj J, Lila B, Karsyn M, Bradie J, Shelby B and Skylar M for being accepted into Honor Band and attending Hawkfest. The District XC meet will be in Pender next Thursday along with FB.

## VII. Discussion

- A. The District/ Board Goals and Activities were discussed and will be revised and reviewed again next month.
- B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the resignation of Seth Lembke at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis  
Motion carries 6-0.
- C. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to approve the hiring of Casey Tremayne as High School Principal for the 2022-2023 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:  
Voting for: Nelsen, Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall  
Motion carries 6-0.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to enter closed session at 9:22 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: Kirkholm, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Hall, Nelsen

The motion carried 6-0.

The board reconvened to public session.

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to reconvene to regular session at 9:22 p.m. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Time/Date of next meeting

The next board meeting will be on November 10, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. on October 11, 2021. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2021.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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