

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
October 12, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 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

Absent: Aaron Reis and Tyler Kirkholm

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Abbie Uhl and Casey Tremayne & 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 Aaron Reis and Tyler Kirkholm.

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

Voting for: Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Hall

The motion carried 4-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Superintendent Cruickshank asked to add closed session to the agenda.

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

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Hall, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

Member Kirkholm arrived at 8:03 p.m.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 12th budget hearing, tax resolution hearing and regular meeting.

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

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

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

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Communications/Discussion

Public Comment: None

Principal Uhl reported the first PLC meeting was on September 14th. The Professional Development on September 26th review AIMS web Plus, NSCAS, ORF (Oral Reading Fluency) and classroom data to determine areas of strength and areas for improvement. They reviewed new Social Studies/Science curriculums. She attended a school law webinar regarding student discipline will attend the 2022 Math Standards workshop. The 5th, 6th and PREK attended field trips in September and October. Mrs. Schlitz's had 22 3rd-6th graders qualify for the Elementary Enrichment program. They will have lunch and learn on October 18th and will attend the Science Olympiad in November. There are 35 students running for Elementary Student Council. Speeches are on October 12th and the first meeting will be by October 18th to plan the first Elementary Fun Night on December 2nd. Knight PRIDE Celebration will be on October 13th with 49 students awards. Trunk or Treat will be October 31st at 2:15 in the track parking lot. PT Conferences had an overall attendance of 91%. The PLC's are up and running including breakout sessions that went very well. The September grade spotlight was Preschool, and October was 5th grade.

Principal Tremayne reported on the 6 students on the failing list and recognized that teachers are maximizing intervention time. PT Conference attendance was better at 47%. Professional Development has had excellent staff collaboration and communication. The Cultural Connections Meeting on September 28th was well attended with an excellent meal prepared by Chef Warrior and a nutrition presentation. The high school students will have the opportunity to attend various field trips in October. The Wayne State Teacher Fair was on Oct. 11th. This is a great opportunity to promote future educators. There will be Mini Moccasins Presentation for PreK – 12 grades on November 15th. The cross-country girls won the conference meet on October 7th. Lilly Harris broke the course record with a time of 20:15. The task of gathering information for the Accreditation visit has begun. Mrs. Tremayne reviewed the upcoming athletic/activity dates with the board.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported our current enrollment is at 426 for PreK – 12. The new school board member workshop will be in Norfolk on December 14th if anyone is interested in attending. The NASB State Education conference is November 16 – 18 if you would like to attend. The NE Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment reports are available and used to set State Aid for schools. The ag and residential property make up 90% of the district valuation. The email from Bill Heimann, ESU1 Administrator regarding the robotics and stem equipment grant was discussed.

Celebrations: Were discussed in the reports above. Nicole Launsby was hired as a high school para.

VI. Discussion

Facility Project: The premium for the builder's risk insurance is \$4,542 with a \$5,000 deductible. Progress is being made on the project. The outside sheeting is being installed, interior wall insulation has been delivered, the bathroom tile will be delivered this week, the old roof and new roof is being brought together, roof drains are being installed, window openings are framed up and the exterior brick will be delivered this week.

VII. Discussion/Action items

Board/District Goals and Priorities: The board goals were reviewed.

Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the board goals as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

American Legion Facility can be rented for \$600 per month. It will be ideal for wrestling and other space concerns at school.

Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Hall to approve to rent the American Legion building for \$600 per month. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

Investment options for district funds was discussed.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to approve the Superintendent and Business Manager to discuss moving General Fund, Building Fund and Depreciation Funds to money market accounts or other investments. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to enter closed session at 9:18 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, Hall, Nelsen

The motion carried 5-0.

The board reconvened to public session.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to reconvene to regular session at 9:55 p.m. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Time/Date of next meeting

The next board meeting will be on November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m. on October 12, 2022. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

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

The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 12th day of October 2022.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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