

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

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, September 11, 2019 at 7:15 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, Tyler Kirkholm, Paul Tighe

Absent: Aaron Reis

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal 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 Reis.

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

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

Absent: Reis

The motion carries 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

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

Absent: Reis

The motion carried 5-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 12th regular meeting, August 28th Special Meeting.

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

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

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

Absent: Reis

The motion carried 5-0.

V. Audience

Jeff Horner presented to the board regarding the safety/crisis committee and introduced Brian Fernau. He reviewed the phone tree, number of drills needed each year, emergency buckets, orange backpacks and the upcoming drill with the Homer Fire/Rescue team. All lockout and lockdown procedures have been reviewed with each classroom.

Brian Fernau is our liaison officer and he explained the importance of the officer in the school building and the training that is involved to become a liaison officer.

VI. Communications

Public Comment: None

Principal Lembke reported that teachers will continue to work to integrate Canvas into their classrooms. He is using it to deliver and organize Professional Development. The juniors and seniors are being targeted regarding a trip to Washington DC which will give the students stronger understanding of government institutions, history and current issues. It will be planned for the 2020-2021 school year in order to have time to plan and inform students and parents. Mrs Conner-Tremayne is working on a project with the NHS students called the Buddy Bench Project. They will be collecting bottle caps that is then recycled into a bench.

Superintendent/Principal Cruickshank present the board with the NASB Board Reports. The Area Membership meeting is September 25th in Norfolk if anyone is interested in attending. Our current enrollment is at 428 which is an increase of 45 students over last year. This is our last year on our contract with Durham so a RFP will be issued for bids for bus service. Parent Teacher conferences are September 25th, Professional Development on September 26th and no school on September 27th so students will not attend school on the 26th and 27th.

Celebrations: The increase in students is a great celebration and the school year is off to a wonderful start.

VII. Discussion

- A. The District Goals and Priorities were presented and reviewed by the board. The board feels that priorities and goals are being addressed so no changes were made to the goals.

VIII. Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the District/Board Goals and Priorities for 2019-2020. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Hall, Vanschoiack, Nelsen
Absent: Reis
The motion carried 5-0.
- B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to adopt the proposed 2019-2020 Budget as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Hall, Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe
Absent: Reis
The motion carried 5-0.

- C. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to adopt the proposed Property Tax Request/Levy Resolution for the 2019/2020 school year as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Hall, Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm
Absent: Reis
The motion carried 5-0.
- D. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the Homer Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the certificated staff for the 2021-2022 contract year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Hall
Absent: Reis
The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Time/Date of next meeting

The next board meeting will be on October 14, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. on September 11, 2019. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Kirkholm, Hall, Nelsen
Absent: Reis
The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2019.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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