

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

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:10 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Carrie Vanschoiack, Kristina Nelsen, Paul Tighe and Aaron Reis

Absent: Tyler Kirkholm and Byron Hall

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principals Abbie Uhl & Casey Tremayne and 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 board members are present except Member Hall and Kirkholm.

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

Voting for: Nelsen, Reis, Tighe, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

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, Tighe, Reis, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and August 23<sup>rd</sup> special meeting.

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

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

Voting for: Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis

The motion carried 4-0.

V. Audience

Chris Stogdill from ESU#2 and Will Maxwell addressed the board regarding the Cultural Connections program. The program focuses on positive goals with students, provides library books, field trips, 3 D Printer, shop supplies, tutoring, and enrichment opportunities. They had a garden project and nature walks this summer.

VI. Communications/Discussion

A. Public Comment: A coach of the school addressed the board regarding gym mats left on the stage and if the Legion is considered for all school activities and not just for wrestling.

A teacher addressed the board regarding the fact that only native students get to attend the Cultural Field trips.

A patron addressed the board regarding lack of communication by administration.

B. Principal Uhl reported that Expectation Stations on Playground, Hallway, Lunchroom, and Bathroom went well. Tutoring after school began today. In October she will start Instructional Rounds for staff to observe other staff or other school districts. Teammates currently has 45 matches with 22 kids on a waiting list for a mentor. A mentor recruitment session will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The elementary student council will be looking for 4-5 students per grade for student council. Students will be sent an invitation to join the Elementary Enrichment program after the results from the fall testing. Mrs. Uhl reviewed the scores from the fall testing.

Principal Tremayne reported there are currently 14 students on the failing list. The homecoming participation was great. There are 37 students out for FB, 40 for VB, 35 for XC, 40 for Band, 47 for Chorus and 50+ for One Act. Students are using the learning opportunities outside of the school district, we have students at NE Comm College for welding. Parent-Teacher conferences are September 21 and 23 to give parents more opportunities to attend. We have after school tutoring everyday of the week until 4:00 p.m. We will have a vocal clinic on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Veteran program on November 11<sup>th</sup> and One Act conference on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that enrollment is 430 student PreK – 12. The State Board of Education Convention is November 16-18<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to attend. December 14<sup>th</sup> is the new member workshop. Homer School was featured in the NASB Member Spotlight. An email was received regarding the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act which will provide funding for school's safety. The ESU#1 is looking at Stem Robotics Funding for schools and more information will be shared later. A bid of \$50,616 was received to add steel doors to the school.

C. Celebrations: Students participation in activities is up.

VII Discussion

A. Facilities Project update: The monthly construction meeting was held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The floors are poured, and the exterior framing has begun. Looking to the future the sidewalks will be evaluated.

B. American Legion facility use will be for all groups within the school. The administration, Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Watchorn will attend the Legion meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

C. The Board/District Goals and Priorities were discussed, and Mr. Cruickshank will make changes to items C and D and submit to the board for further discussion.

VII. Discussion/Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adopt the proposed 2022-2023 Budget. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis

The motion carried 4-0.

B. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adopt the proposed 2022-2023 Property Tax Request/Levy Resolution as presented. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the Homer Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2024-2025 contract year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Vanschoiack to enter closed session at 8:46 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: Tighe, Reis, Nelsen, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 4-0.

The board reconvened to regular session.

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to enter regular session at 9:14 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next board meeting will be on October 12, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

X. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. on September 12, 2022. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Vanschoiack, Tighe, Reis

The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 12th day of September 2022.

ATTEST:  
Kristina Nelsen  
Secretary

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