

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
May 9, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Kristina Nelsen, Aaron Reis, Paul Tighe, Tyler Kirkholm

Absent: Byron Hall and Carrie Vanschoiack

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Abbie Uhl 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 & 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 Hall and Vanschoiack.

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

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

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

Voting for: Reis, Kirkholm, Nelsen, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

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

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm

The motion carried 4-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the April 4th special meeting and April 11th regular meeting.
2. Approve claims and accounts from General Fund.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve all Consent Agenda items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Nelsen, Kirkholm
The motion carried 4-0.

V. Audiences

A. Matt Erion addressed the board regarding the facility project. They discussed and reviewed the bids received for the facility project. The bid amount had been redesigned to include a new HVAC system for the school. The extra cost for the HVAC system could be financed using QCPUF funds. Mr. Erion would recommend awarding the project bid to Ho Chunk. All construction cost may still be amended by the board.

B. Roger Heck, District Insurance – Mr. Heck reviewed the insurance renewal for the school with the board. The building valuation has increased due to the cost to replace the structure.

C. There were three Speech Students that presented to the board. Shelby Benson, Karsyn Monk and Braylon Ubbinga did an awesome job performing their State Speeches.

VI. Communications/Discussions

A. Administrative Reports:

Principal Uhl reported that elementary is busy with year end events, completed LETRS training which ran September – April, Social Studies and Science Curriculum has been reviewed.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that current enrollment is at 426. He reviewed some Legislative bills with the board and discussed the teacher shortage that is everywhere.

B. There was no public comment.

VII. Discussion Items/Action Items

a. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the bid from Ho Chunk for the facility project. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm

The motion carried 4-0.

b. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the same price for the breakfast and lunch fees for the 2022-2023 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Nelsen

The motion carried 4-0.

c. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the hiring of an assistant Cross Country coach. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Kirkholm, Nelsen, Tighe

The motion carried 4-0.

- d. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the Elementary Social Studies Curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Nelsen, Tighe, Reis
The motion carried 4-0
- e. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Nelsen to approve the addendum to add vacation days to the Superintendent contract. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm
The motion carried 4-0.
- f. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded by Reis to approve the district insurance policy from EMC Insurance for the 2022-2023 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm
The motion carried 4-0.

VIII Action

- a. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the resignation of Katie Pick. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Nelsen
The motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the resignation of Noelle Peterson. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Reis, Kirkholm, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the resignation of Stacie Loofe. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Nelsen, Tighe
The motion carried 4-0.

- b. No new staff has been hired.

IX. Closed Session

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to enter into closed session at 9:04 p.m. to discuss personnel and a student matter to protect the reputations of individuals. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm
The motion carried 4-0.

The Board exited closed session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to enter regular session at 9:41 p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:
Voting for: Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm, Nelsen
The motion carried 4-0.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. on May 9, 2022.

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Reis, Kirkholm

The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2022.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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