

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
October 9, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library at the Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Byron Hall, Paul Tighe, Carrie Vanschoiack, Tim Murphy, Aaron Reis and Tyler Kirkholm

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principal Randy Pirner, Principal Lora Crowe & Board Secretary Trish Rohde

Visitors present: Dan Schmitt and Jeff Reed

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.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Motion was made by Reis seconded by Vanschoiack to approve the agenda as presented.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Brand

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 11th special meetings and regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts and payroll expense of \$377,851.84 from General Fund.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Murphy to approve all Consent Agenda

items. On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Murphy, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Brand, Vanschoiack

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Communications

Public comment: None

Principal Pirner reported that County Government Day went well, the students were behaved and respectful. The seniors have received their 1-1 computers this past week. NDE is sending updates on the requirements of ACT testing. The random student drug testing has begun this week. Homecoming was a huge success and plans are underway for next year.

Principal Crowe reported that the Elementary Faculty Meeting on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> covered a wide variety of topics: SAT, Pride Assembly will be Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, after school tutoring began this week, a friendship bench was donated by Bill and Jody Rohde, PT conferences had 97% attendance, a practice tornado drill will be on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, the new safety plan began on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, and students may dress up at book characters for the Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Student/Parent Read-In. The professional development day on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> included training on the Edgenuity Pathblazers software. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade enjoyed a field trip to Ashfalls, PK -6 will tour the new fire hall on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, and the students voted on members for the Elementary Student Council, activities are being planned for the Enrichment Program. The Preschool Program is being reviewed for the possibility of expanding to another 4 year old class or a combo 3 and 4 years old class.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported that the district will participate in a Bryte Bites program through the ESU that offers a technology survey. The State BOE Convention will be Nov. 15-17. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> the staff heard a presentation from Kevin Kavan on Standard Response Protocol (SRP) procedures for an active shooter in the building. On December 5<sup>th</sup> will be the annual safety visit. Trish Rohde reported on the Wellness Conference she and Sandy Tremayne attended. The school received an award for participation improvement in the wellness program.

Celebrations: Thanks to everyone involved, Homecoming was a huge success.

#### VI. Discussion

Building and Grounds: Supt. Cruickshank has contacted NuTrend Homes regarding portable classrooms which can be leased or purchased. The board discussed a 40x60 storage shed, track resurfacing and a track timing system to be shared by 3 area schools.

Negotiations will need to begin before November 1. Member Murphy will contact Brian Ferris to begin negotiations.

#### VII. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Vanschoiack and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the revised Policy 502.02R – Nonresident/Option Enrollment. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Brand, Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe  
The motion carried 6-0.

B. B. Motion was made by Murphy and seconded by Reis to approve the Homer Education Association's request to be recognized as the exclusive bargaining agent for the 2019/2020 contract year for certified teachers. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Brand, Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe, Kirkholm  
The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Time/Date of next meeting

The next board meeting is set for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Vanschoiack to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. on October 9, 2017. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Brand, Vanschoiack, Murphy, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2017.

ATTEST:  
Carrie Vanschoiack  
Secretary

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