

Homer Community School District
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Board of Education
Monday, July 8th, 2024
7 P.M. – Library

Agenda

- I. Opening the Meeting**
 - A. Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law
 - i. Posted in the room
 - ii. Publication of Meeting was provided according to 84-1411
 - B. District Mission Statement: *The Homer Community School District provides a safe, supportive environment in which all students will develop skills, knowledge, and integrity essential for a successful future. This includes educating students to read with understanding, communicate clearly, solve problems effectively, think critically, and act responsibly.*
 - C. Board Member Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Agenda and Changes to the Agenda**
- III. Consent Agenda**
 - Consider, discuss, and take action on the consent agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes from the June 11th regular meeting
 - B. Approval of Minutes from the June 26th special meeting
 - C. Approve claims and accounts
- IV. Public Comment**
- V. Information Items: Reports**
 - A. Administrator reports
 - B. Superintendent report
 - C. Technology report
 - D. Facility report
- VI. Discussion Items**
 - A. Policy update-second reading
 - B. Basketball court/playground
 - C. Substitute Teacher Pay
- VII. Action Items**
 - A. Consider, discuss, and take action on the revised teacher evaluation policy (406.8).
 - B. Consider, discuss, and take action on the Transportation Service Agreement with First Student, Inc.
 - C. Consider, discuss, and set the prices for busing out-of-district students.
 - D. Consider, discuss, and take action approving Dr. Joseph Lefdal authorization to apply for all state and federal funding, including Title I.
 - E. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2024-25 membership with the Nebraska Community Schools Association (NRCSA).
 - F. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the service agreement with Porter & Company, CPA's, P.C. for the 2023-24 District Audit.
 - G. Consider, discuss, and take action to authorize Dr. Joseph Lefdal to be added as a signatory to all district bank accounts.

H. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2024-25 student handbooks.

I. Consider, discuss, and take action to reaffirm bully prevention, appropriate relationships with students, multicultural, and citizenship policies.

VIII. Next Meeting

IX. Adjournment

NOTICES:

COPY OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT: The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public.

CHANGES TO ORDER OF AGENDA: The Board will generally follow the sequence of the published agenda but may change the order of items when appropriate and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Getting Started: When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.

Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit your comments to 5 minutes or less. The total time allotted for Public Comment is 30 minutes. **At the Board's discretion, individual and total comment time may be extended.**

Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require that such concerns initially be directed to the administration for consideration. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments you may make about individual staff members or students. You are cautioned that slanderous comments are not protected just because they are made at a Board meeting.

General Rules: Please remember that this is a public meeting for the conduct of the business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

RECORDING OF MEETINGS: The recording of open sessions of Board of Education meetings by the public is permissible according to section 84-1412 (Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties) of Nebraska law. Any public body may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the recording of meetings. In accordance with section 84-1410, the recording of closed sessions is not permissible. Board Policy 204.12 and Administrative Regulation 204.12R describe how members of the public may participate in Board of Education meetings and use recording devices. The recording of any part of Board of Education meetings is permissible, except for closed sessions. No recording, other than note taking, shall be done without informing the president in advance. The president has the right to control the placement of the recording device so the device does not obstruct the view of board members or other members of the public attending the meeting and does not otherwise interfere with the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board may go into closed session for the protection of public interest or prevention of needless harm to an individual.

Annotated Agenda

III. Consent Agenda

Consider, discuss and take action on the consent agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from the June 11th regular meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes from the June 26th special meeting
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IV. Public Comment

V. Information Items: Reports

- A. Administrator reports-Enclosed
- B. Superintendent report-Enclosed
- C. Technology report-If applicable
- D. Facility report
 - *On June 18th representatives from BCDM Architects, Ho-Chunk Inc., Morrissey Engineering, MTC Mechanical, Climate Control Systems, and Homer Community School met to discuss the performance issues with the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system installed as part of the facility addition. Next steps were discussed and a plan for addressing the issues was developed.*
 - *The issues and the plan will be shared at the meeting. Board members will have the opportunity to share thoughts and ask questions.*

VI. Discussion Items

- A. Policy update-second reading (Enclosed)

As Gregg stated last month, there are several policy revisions and new policies for the board's consideration. We have enclosed the new revisions from NASB. Your June meeting would be considered a first reading, and we can work through them as a board tonight or in the upcoming weeks, or I can work through a committee and then bring them to a later meeting. With the number of changes, this might be a good year for a board policy review utilizing Sparq data solutions or a similar company.

- B. Basketball court/playground
- C. Substitute Teacher Pay (I will bring some updated information to this meeting but have not had enough time to put an array together).

VII. Action Items

- A. Consider, discuss, and take action on the revised teacher evaluation policy (406.8) *This policy was brought to last month's meeting and would need to be revised following the principal's recommended changes.*
- B. Consider, discuss, and take action on the Transportation Service Agreement with First Student, Inc. I will be in contact this week with all parties regarding the consolidation of the Fiddler Creek route.
- C. Consider, discuss, and take action to set the prices for bussing of out-of-district students.
- D. Consider, discuss, and take action approving Dr. Joseph Lefdal authorization to apply for all state and federal funding, including Title I. (This allows me to work through and sign off on any funding sources).

- E. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2024-25 membership with the Nebraska Community Schools Association (NRCSA). (Enclosed)
- F. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the service agreement with Porter & Company, CPA's, P.C. for the 2023-24 District Audit. (These are our yearly auditors. This work will take place in September and October).
- G. Consider, discuss, and take action to authorize Dr. Joseph Lefdal to be added as a signatory to all district bank accounts. (Action needed to allow the superintendent the right to sign checks for our bank accounts. It is not necessary every year, but it is needed for new superintendents and anyone who can sign checks for the district.
- H. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the 2024-25 student handbooks. (Enclosed)
- I. Consider, discuss, and take action to reaffirm bully prevention, appropriate relationships with students, multicultural, and citizenship policies. (Enclosed)

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