

Homer Community School District
Board of Education Meetings
Monday, September 11, 2023

Agenda – Special Meeting
2023 – 24 Budget Hearing
7 p.m. – School Library

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the Agenda and Changes to the Agenda**
4. **Public comment on the 2023 – 24 Budget**
5. **Adjournment**

Agenda – Special Meeting
2023 – 24 Tax Request Hearing
7:10 p.m. – School Library

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the Agenda and Changes to the Agenda**
4. **Public comment on the 2023 – 24 Tax Request**
5. **Adjournment**

Agenda – Regular Meeting
Immediately After the Tax Request Hearing
School Library

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the Agenda and Changes to the Agenda**
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of the minutes from the August 14th regular meeting and the August 22nd special meeting
 - b. Approve claims and accounts
 - c. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda
5. **Audience**
6. **Communications/Discussion**
 - a. Public Comment (See Procedures for Public Comment.)
 - b. Reports
7. **Discussion**
 - a. Facility project update
 - b. LB 414
8. **Discussion/Action items**
 - a. Budget 2023-24
 - b. Tax request/levy resolution 2023-24
 - c. Homer Education Association collective bargaining recognition 2025-26
 - d. Policy update
 - e. Board/District Goals and Priorities
 - f. LAN Manager facility project stipend
9. **Closed session – negotiations**
10. **Next Meetings**
11. **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.

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.

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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

Budget Hearing and Tax Request Hearing

- **Enclosed** are copies of the notices published in the Dakota County Star. Also, enclosed is the updated levy and state aid history.

Communications

Reports

Principals – **enclosed and emailed**

Superintendent - **enclosed**

- Enrollment as of August 31st. The Year 13 students are from the graduating class of 2023. They continue to work on the academic requirements for graduation. The district receives funding for those students.
- The terms of the lease for the new digital board for the main gym.
- Communication and media coverage regarding special education staffing and school funding.

Additional information

- An email with state school board convention information was sent to you. Hard copies will be handed out at the meeting. It will be held at the CHI Center (Creighton basketball arena) in Omaha from November 15th – 17th.

Discussion

Facility project update

- **Enclosed** is the latest pay application. There will be at least one more.
- Forty-five (45) attended the open house on August 20th.
- Bugs continue to be worked out with the HVAC in the new additions. Also, the air conditioning has not been installed in the back gym. There will be a meeting Monday at 9 in my office with MTC Mechanical, Jamie Chamberlin, Bill, Jeff Reed, and me.
- Other topics?

LB 414 - enclosed

- An overview of the legislation.
- A form that Lyons-Decatur uses for their open enrollment determination.
- I have visited with other superintendents, the chief administrator and special education director at the ESU, and attorney's. No one is quite sure what documentation boards need to adopt. I plan to share more information at the October meeting.

Discussion/Action

Budget 2023-24

- Motion to approve.

Tax request/levy resolution 2023-24

- **Enclosed** is the property tax resolution request.
- Motion to approve.

Recognition of the Homer Education Association as collective bargaining group for the teachers for 2025 - 26.

- **Letter enclosed.** Motion needed to approve.
- This is always done a year ahead. You are recognizing the HEA as the collective bargaining group for negotiations in 2024-25, which applies to the collective bargaining agreement for 2025-26.

Policy update

- **Enclosed** is the updated Suspension and Expulsion Policy (505.9) and the Artificial Intelligence Policy (604.16) shared last month.
- There are numerous changes to 505.9. I believe the changes will have little if any impact on how procedures at Homer. The AI policy seems appropriate.
- Motion needed to waive the second reading for 505.9 needed.
- Motion to approve both policies needed.

Board/District Goals and Priorities

- **Enclosed** with the priorities developed between the Board and me.
- Time for discussion, possible changes, and approving or waiting a month to approve.

LAN Manager facility project stipend

- Consideration for a \$3,000 stipend to Jeff Reed for work related to the facility project. To be paid for from the Building Fund.
- Motion needed to approve.

Next meeting

- There is home volleyball on Monday, October 9th and away volleyball on Tuesday, October 10th.
- There are no activities on Wednesday, October 11th.
- Time?