

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
April 12, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Present: Byron Hall, Tyler Kirkholm, Aaron Reis, Paul Tighe, Ryan Harris, Kristina Nelsen

Administration present: Superintendent Gregg Cruickshank, Principals Abbie Uhl and Casey Tremayne and District Secretary Amy Brand

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.

III. Approval of Agenda and Changes to Agenda

Superintendent Cruickshank asked to add Item V, Audience, after Consent Agenda and Action Item 5b, Employment of Certified Staff.

Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the agenda as amended.

On roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Harris, Nelsen

The motion carried 6-0.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 13th regular meeting.

2. Approve claims and accounts.

3. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda.

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: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Harris, Nelsen, Tighe

The motion carried 6-0.

V. Audience

Dan Caskey and Michael Schooley presented on behalf of Knightbackers. They showed signs they are wanting to sell to athletic supporters as a fundraiser to put in the gym on the visitor side wall. Their goal is to provide more opportunities for the community to support athletic programs. The Board agreed they could proceed with the fundraiser.

VI. Communications

A. Administration Reports

Principal Uhl reported our Spring concert was amazing. Thank you to all the band and chorus teachers for their hard work to make it happen. Elementary raised \$16,112.17 for the American Heart Association. A celebration will be held on April 19th. The Title I parent meeting and read-in was well attended last week as around 70 families signed in. 6th and 7th grade orientation will be completed soon, and Mrs. Uhl discussed details on the new three year old preschool program that will begin next school year on November 2nd. Kindergarten round up will be held on April 14th and we have 31 students signed up. NSCAS and AIMSweb testing will take place the last week in April and first week of May. The Elementary Track Meet will be held on April 21st and TeamMates will be going to the Husker Spring Game on April 22nd. Preschool Graduation will be held May 11th and several Elementary field trips will be taking place between now and the end of the school year.

Principal Tremayne reported on the current failing list and that our testing day on April 4th went very well. She stated Homer School had many students on the NSAA Multi-Activity Student Award list. A student must be involved in three or more NSAA sanctioned activities to make this list. Chad Hermelbracht with CVA brought in an applicator simulator for students to try and promoted their Championship Program which is a great opportunity for our students. The 23-24 Master Schedule is being worked on and the secondary musical will be held April 14th. A field trip to the 185th Air Base is planned for April 20th, District Music Contest is April 21st and Prom is April 22nd. The Fine Arts Banquet will be held on April 27th and the Pops Concert will be April 28th. There will be an art display during both the FAB Banquet and Pops Concert. Mrs. Tremayne also reported on several athletic activities happening before the end of the school year on May 16th.

Superintendent Cruickshank reported on student movement in and out of the school with current attendance at 430. He reported on conversations with the PK-12 Leadership Team and the staff on the ACE/Cultural Connections Grant. Mr. Horner is working with Chad Hermelbracht from CVA to help introduce agriculture careers to our students. Mr. Cruickshank shared an overview of Governor Pillin's school finance plan and how it impacts our budget. An estimate of real estate property valuations changes for 2022-2023 was shared as well as information regarding legal action by the NASB on the natural gas supplier for the NJUMP program. No update is available on the Krumwiede Field press box renovation as well as the greenhouse or playground projects. Priority will be given to the later two projects. No update is reported on the search for SUV's and all-wheel drive vans. Mr. Cruickshank reported that Graduation is May 13th at 2:00pm.

B. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

VII. Discussion Items

- a. Facility addition update. Bill McPherran reported all is going well and on schedule with the facility project. Communication has been very good with Ho-Chunk and

carpet is scheduled to be laid next week. The board had the opportunity to tour the new construction.

VIII. Closed Session

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Harris to enter into closed session at 8:43 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter for the protection of an individual. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Reis, Hall, Harris, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm

The motion carried 6-0.

The board exited closed session.

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Harris to convene to regular session at 10:35p.m. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Hall, Harris, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis

The motion carried 6-0.

IX. Action Items

A. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Harris to approve the employment of Tom Coviello as Junior High/High School Principal for the 2023-2024 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Harris, Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion was made by Nelsen and approved by Reis to approve the employment of Carrie Vanschoiack as 5th-8th grade Special Education Teacher for the 2023-2023 school year. On the roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Harris, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall

The motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to approve the resignation of Casey Tremayne as Secondary Principal. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Harris

The motion carried 6-0.

D. Motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Reis to approve the resignation of Brittany White as 5th-8th Special Education Teacher. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Nelsen, Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Harris

The motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion was made by Kirkholm and seconded Harris to approve the amended Superintendent contract for the 2024-2025 school year. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Harris, Nelsen

Voting against: Hall

The motion carried 5-1.

F. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kirkholm to approve the installation of bullet-proof film on all exterior glass and the main office glass. On roll call vote, the board voted as follows:

Voting for: Tighe, Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Harris, Nelsen

The motion carried 6-0.

Member Harris will hand out diplomas at Graduation on 13th.

X. Time/Date of next meeting

The next regular board meeting is set for Monday, May 15, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Reis and seconded by Nelsen to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. on April 12, 2023.

Voting for: Kirkholm, Reis, Hall, Harris, Nelsen, Tighe

The motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:
Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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