

Homer Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 13th, 2023
7pm – Library
Amended December 12th

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 November 13th regular meeting
 - b. Approve claims and accounts
 - c. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve all items presented on the Consent Agenda
5. Audiences
 - a. Austin Lambert – Industrial Tech updates
 - b. Dan Caskey – Curriculum
6. Communication
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Reports
7. Discussion
 - a. Daycare
 - b. Playground
 - c. Audit 2022-23
 - d. Facility update
 - e. Business services software
 - f. Election information
8. Closed session – negotiations
Closed session – superintendent evaluation
9. Next Meetings
10. 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.

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

Communications

Audiences

Austin Lambert -- Industrial Tech updates and tour of the Industrial Tech space.

Dan Caskey -- Curriculum

Communication

Public comment

Reports

Principals – enclosed

Superintendent - enclosed

- Enrollment, attendance, and student mobility information as of November 30th.
- Quotes to refurbish the trophy cases. This is part of a project that is under consideration by the athletic director, athletic coaches, and activity coaches/sponsors.
- A summary of the minutes of the last Lewis and Clark Conference executive board meeting.
- Notification from Nancy Kirkholm that the school will receive a \$5,000 donation from the Kirkholm family in 2024 through the America's Farmers Grow Rural Communities, offered by the Bayer Fund. The school received the donation in 2023. The program will be discontinued after 2024.

Additional information

- The digital video boards are scheduled for installation over Christmas Break. Sponsor donations have been coming in. If Jeff Reed is at the meeting he can provide an update.
- The new van is with Terry Kampfe. He will detail the exterior with a wrap similar to the last van purchased.

Discussion

Daycare

- **Enclosed** is the business plan and the lease agreement between the Sutherland School District and Ladybug Daycare. Hard copies will be available for you to take and study further.
- Mrs. Uhl and I conferenced via Zoom with the elementary principal at Sutherland. She said the most important step is identifying a licensed provider who wants to expand into the facility, identifying a space, and scheduling a school visit with the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Conversation and communication is ongoing with area providers about their interest and the potential impact on their business if a daycare is established in the school. Abbie and I believe the library could be a viable space. The library could be relocated to one or both flex spaces.

Playground

- Churchich Recreation and Tri-State Snap Sports are working on proposals.
- **Enclosed** is information shared by the Tekamah-Herman superintendent. Their project is \$350,000 and includes inclusive equipment for physically challenged students.

Audit 2022-23

- **Enclosed** is an abridged version which includes the highlights and most relevant information. Hard copies of the entire audit will be available at the meeting. It will be on the agenda for approval in January.

Facility update

- Issues continue with the heating and air conditioning. Jeff Reed will provide an update if he attends the meeting.
- The custodial/storage area in preschool hallway will have old duct work taken out over Christmas break.
- The issue with the “nuisance gas” is being addressed and gas valves are being replaced as needed.
- MTC will fix deficiencies in duct work over Christmas break.
- All of this is under warranty because it is new construction.

Business software services

- **Enclosed** is a proposal from Software Unlimited.
- Most schools in our area use Harris Software Solutions.
- Amy and several area business managers attended a presentation by Software Unlimited. Amy said several schools are switching to Software Unlimited.
- Amy would like to switch to Software Unlimited. She will share the benefits from an accounting of funds and data security standpoint.

Election information – enclosed

- Member positions up for election in November 2024 are seats held by Byron, Tyler, and Aaron.
- If you plan to run, let me know if you want the registration packets sent to school for me to forward to you.

Closed session – negotiations

- Information will be shared in the closed session.

Closed session – superintendent evaluation

- Board goals/priorities for 2023-24 and priorities established by the Board for the superintendent will be reviewed.

Next meeting

- Does Wednesday, January 10th at 7 p.m. work?