

Homer Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 11th, 2024
7 P.M. – Library

Agenda

- 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 Minutes from the May 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. Communication**
 - a. Administrator reports
 - b. Public Comment
- 6. Discussion**
 - a. District property, casualty, work comp insurance – Roger Heck
 - b. Policy
 - c. Facility addition update
 - d. Transportation renewal
- 7. Discussion/action**
 - a. Community Eligibility Provision – nutrition program
 - b. Wrestling program
 - c. High school softball co-op with Ponca
- 8. Action**
 - a. District property, casualty, work comp insurance 2024-25
- 9. Next Meeting**
- 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. **At the discretion of the Board, individual comment time 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.

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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

Communication

Principals' Report – **enclosed**

Superintendent Report – **enclosed**

- **Enclosed** - enrollment and attendance information as of May 24th.
- **Enclosed** – information from the rural schools digital device survey.

Public Comment

Discussion

District Property, Casualty, Work Comp Insurance – Roger Heck

- Roger Heck will present the renewal and the changes to the renewal. The proposed premium increase is approximately \$10,000 (\$108,000 to \$118,000 roughly). Roger and I have met multiple times to discuss getting the best coverage, for the most reasonable cost, accounting for the changing insurance market.

Policy

- There are a lot of policy revisions and new policies for the Board's consideration. More than any time I can remember.
- **Enclosed** are the new policies and policy revisions from NASB. With this being my last meeting, it makes sense for the Board and Joey to review the required and proposed changes and act as appropriate in the coming month or two. The Board may consider this a first reading.
- **Also, enclosed** is the teacher evaluation policy (408.6). The policy needs to be revised based on changes to procedures. Tom shared information as part of the May principal report. Another matter for Joey, Abbie, and Tom to address and bring to the Board in July or August.

Facility addition update

- The expansion of the natural gas line is complete.
- Morrissey Engineering was onsite May 29th to continue trouble shooting with their top engineer. Jeff Reed and I visited with him. He said they are making progress.
- A follow-up meeting will be scheduled with Morrissey, BCDM, Ho-Chunk, MTC (HVAC installers), and school reps soon (I would expect no later than July 15 based on conversations I had with Matt Erion and Alec Eastman at BCDM).
- Alec Eastman from BCDM, Jaime Chamberlin from Ho-Chunk, and I have discussed releasing the retainage. I hope to have more to share at the meeting.

Transportation renewal

- Paul and I had a conversation with Bryan Flansburg on June 7th. He said a contract draft will be forwarded by June 10th.
- The contract will be forwarded electronically, and hard copies shared at the meeting.
- Considerations will include billing credits for lack of timeliness and meeting other obligations. Also, conversations will take place with school staff and First Student staff in July to combine the Fiddler Creek van route with one of the 3 bus routes.
- Time for more discussion this month and consideration for approval at the July meeting.

Discussion/action

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) – Nutrition Program

- **Enclosed** is an email from the state nutrition agency which compares this year's revenues vs. if the district had been eligible for CEP.
- Based on information shared last month and this month, the financial health of the Nutrition Fund, and the benefit to students and families, I recommend district participation in CEP.
- The deadline is June 30th to enroll for a 4-year commitment to participate.
- Board action is needed for the district to participate in the CEP program for the next four years.

Wrestling program

- The considerations discussed last month are (1), splitting the boys and girls program for coaching and practice purposes due to increasing participation. The programs are already split from a competition standpoint as boys and girls meets are scheduled in different locations, sometimes on the same day; (2) adding head and assistant girls coaching positions; (3) purchasing an additional mat for an additional practice location (likely one of the flex spaces) and future competitions hosted that will require 2 mats.
- **Enclosed** is the cost for a new mat.
- Head Coach salary range: \$5,484 to \$7,019
- Assistant Coach salary range: \$3,656 to \$4,679
- Board action is needed for the additional coaching positions and a new mat.

High School softball co-op with Ponca

- **Enclosed** is email communication with the Ponca superintendent. Also, I've had multiple phone conversations with him and Bob Hayes.
- Eleven (11) female students expressed an interest in a survey compiled by AD Dan Schmitt.
- The program occurs during the Fall. The commitment is for 2 years (NSAA regulations).
- Board action is needed for the district to enter into the co-op.

Action

Property, casualty, work comp insurance 2024-25

- Motion needed to approve the premium, deductible, and coverage as presented by Roger Heck.

Next meeting

Adjournment