

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Monday, August 17, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Byron Hall: Present, Ryan Harris: Present, Samantha Johnson: Present, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Present, Paul Tighe: Present.

Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Lefdal, Principal Abbie Uhl, Principal Jake Brand, and Board 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 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. Opening the Meeting

I.A. Call meeting to order and Notice of Open Meetings Law

I.A.i. Posted in room

I.A.ii. Publication of meeting was provided according to 84-1411

I.B. District Mission Statement

II. Board Member Roll Call

III. Excuse Absent Board Members

Motion was made by Byron Hall and seconded by Samantha Johnson to excuse member Kirkholm. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Nay, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Approval of agenda and changes to agenda

Motion was made by Ryan Harris and seconded by Samantha Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI.Public Comment

VII.Discussion Items

VIII.Action Items

VIII.A.Consider, discuss, and take action to amend the 2025-26 General fund budget from \$7,874,160 to \$8,774,160.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.B.Consider, discuss, and take action to amend the 2025-26 School Nutrition Fund budget from \$310,000 to \$420,000.

Motion was made by Byron Hall and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to amend the 2025-26 School Nutrition Fund budget from \$310,000 to \$420,000. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.C.Consider, discuss, and take action to amend the 2025-2026 Employee Benefit Fund from \$0 to \$10,000.

Motion was made by Byron Hall and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to amend the 2025-2026 Employee Benefit Fund from \$0 to \$10,000. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.Next Meeting

X.Adjournment

Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Ryan Harris to adjourn at 7:07p.m. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dated this Monday, August 17, 2026.

ATTEST:
Dr. Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Homer Community School (22-0031) in Dakota County, Nebraska

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Depreciation	\$ 255,714.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00		\$ 500,000.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
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