

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 7:30 AM in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

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

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.2026-27 Base Growth Resolution Hearing

I.A.Call Hearing to Order

I.B.The purpose of the hearing is to review, discuss, consider, and receive input, and or support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from taxpayers relating to the base growth resolution.

I.B.i.Public Comment

There was no public comment.

I.B.ii.Discussion

I.C.Adjourn base growth resolution hearing

II.Opening the Meeting

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

II.A.i.Posted in room

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

II.B.District Mission Statement

III.Board Member Roll Call

IV.Excuse Absent Board Members

Motion was made by Ryan Harris and seconded by Tyler Kirkholm to excuse Member Hall.

On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Absent, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr.

Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V.Pledge of Allegiance

VI.Approval of agenda and changes to agenda

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

Byron Hall: Absent, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr.

Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

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VII.Public Comment

There was none.

VIII.Action Items

VIII.A.Discuss, consider, and take action to adopt a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage by up to an additional seven percent (7%) for the 2026–2027 fiscal year pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405. Resolution 62804.

Motion was made by Tyler Kirkholm and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to adopt a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage by up to an additional seven percent (7%) for the 2026-2027 fiscal year pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405.

Resolution 62804. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

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Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

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IX.Next Meeting

The next regular meeting and budget hearing will be Monday, September 14th at 5:45p.m.

X.Adjournment

Motion was made by Samantha Johnson and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to adjourn at 7:37a.m. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Absent, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Yea, Dr.

Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dated this Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

ATTEST:
Dr. Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

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

BASE GROWTH RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Nebraska Law generally limits a public school district's base growth percentage, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the base growth percentage if at least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of no more than four hundred seventy-one students may increase its tax request by up to an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Dakota County School District Number 22-0031, a/k/a Homer Community Schools (the "School District") is no more than four hundred seventy-one students; and

WHEREAS, due to student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional seven percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, public notice of this possible increase was published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District's overall base growth percentage by up to an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution to ensure that the School District's overall property tax request complies with this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member _____ moved for their passage and adoption. Member _____ seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

_____.

The following members voted against the same:

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The following members were absent or not voting:

_____.

The above Resolution having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the Members of the Board of Education, it was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

DATED this ____ day of September, 2026.

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