

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
April 9, 2013

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. Due to the weather, some Board members participated by conference call.

Present and participating via conference call: Joy Bock, Rhonda Heise, Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Rod Garwood & Rich Higgins

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 advance to all members of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary maintains a list of 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 Directors, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Audience: None

Call Meeting to Order.

A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, the Chairman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available at the meeting site.

B. Board Member Roll Call. Recording secretary completed roll call of board members. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford to excuse the absence of members Rod Garwood and Rich Higgins. After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Grube, to approve the April 9, 2013, agenda as presented. After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Heise, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (March 12, 2013 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, April Bills of \$719,197.37 and Administrator's Report). After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

E. Public Comment. None

F. Special Education Rates. SPED Director Clark reviewed the current 2012-13 SPED rates with the 2013-14 contracted rates. In addition, the Board received an update on the staffing requirements for 2013-14.

G. Curriculum Alignment Software. Motion by Boelter, second by Bock, to proceed with the Build Your Own Curriculum project as outlined by Administrator Uhing. The project will be part of the School Support Project Budget at an estimated cost of \$27,000 in Year #1. After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

H. A/V and Computer Repair Contract. Motion by Luxford, second by Reinert, to approve the A/V and Computer Repair Contract with George Hefner, dba Hefner Electronics, at a rate of \$56/hour for the 2013-14 school year. After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

I. Learning Object Repository. Motion by Grube, second by Boelter, to approve the purchase of Safari by ESU #1 for use by area school districts. This will be part of the School Support Project Budget and Safari will be used as the district's Learning Object Repository. After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

J. Property/Liability Insurance. The Board received information related to the renewal of the ESU #1 Property/Liability insurance package through Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency. The premium amount of \$50,885 was approved as part of the April bill listing.

K. School Support Projects. Motion by Boelter, second by Heise, to approve the 2013-14 School Support Project Budget as outlined by Administrator Uhing. After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

L. Negotiations. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve the 2013-14 contract recommendations for the Staff Development, Technology and PT/OT staff as presented. After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

M. Disaster Recovery Update. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on the progress of the internal back up system. Six schools have contracted with ESU #1 to provide data back-up services for their district.

N. Personnel. Motion by Reinert, second by Boelter, to accept the resignations of School Psychologist Annie Stachowitz, School Psychology Intern Amber Paulson, Sp/Language Pathologist Nicole Bacan and Early Childhood Special Education Teacher Renee Sjuts. In addition, approve the 2013-14 contracts for School Psychologist Tammy Clodfelter (190 days); Sp/Language Technician Desiree Driskell (185 days); and Early Childhood Special Education Teacher Melissa LaPointe (185 days). After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Heise, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried: 9-0**

Classified Staff Changes: Paraeducators Kayla Wiltman (Wakefield), Scott Allen (Winnebago) and Ivon Martinez (Wakefield) ended employment with ESU #1 effective March 27, 2013. Paraeducator Laura Heise (Tower School) has transitioned into the EDN Coordinator position.

- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 14, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.