

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**April 10, 2007**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. The following members were present or absent:

**Present:** Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Rod Garwood, Linda Steele, Ronnie Wenstrand, Joy Bock, Rich Higgins and Stan Copple. **Absent:** Wayne Goeden and Kelly Ballinger

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: ESU #1 Staff Development Team ~ Shannon Collin, Amy Hill and Rhonda Jindra

- I. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was duly called to order.
- A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting  
At the beginning of this meeting, the Chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the entryway of the meeting room.
- B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Steele to approve the April 10, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0
- C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Higgins, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (March 13, Minutes; Financial Reports; April Bills of \$519,371.91, plus a maximum of \$25,000 in additional bills that will be presented at the May meeting, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0
- D. Staff Development Report. Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment (CIA) presentation updating the board on current and future projects.
- E. Tax Sheltered Annuities. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to accept the Administrative Policy presented as it relates to ESU #1's sponsorship of 403(b) plans. It is understood, that the policy will require modifications and/or amendments due to IRS regulations and that those modifications and/or amendments will be handled by the administration. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0
- F. AV and Computer Repair Contract. Motion by Garwood, second by Steele, to approve the AV and Computer Repair Contract with George Hefner d.b.a. Hefner Electronics as presented which includes a \$2/hour rate increase. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- G. RUS Grant. Motion by Boelter, second by Copple, to approve the contract with Diane Wolfe to write a Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Grant on behalf of the districts of ESU #1. The initial fee will be \$5,000 and a maximum of \$25,000 if the grant is received. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- H. Qwest Network Contract. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Garwood, to approve the Wide Area Network (Network Nebraska) contract with Qwest. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- I. Tower School Remodeling. Motion by Steele, second by Garwood, to Table this agenda item until October, 2007. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to move into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss Agenda items J. (Specialty/Licensed Contracts), K. (Administrative Contracts), and L. (Negotiations).

Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:55 p.m.

- J. Specialty/Licensed Contracts. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Steele, to approve the Specialty/Licensed Contracts for the following individuals as presented: Shannon Collin, Amy Hill, Rhonda Jindra, Jim Hopkins and Lanita Recob; Staci Fethkenher, Angela Hansen, Chris Hanson-Harder, Katie Naslund, Elizabeth Peden and Laurie Smith. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- K. Administrative Contracts. Motion by Copple, second by Wenstrand, to approve the Administrative Contracts for the following individuals as presented: Bob Uhing, Stuart Clark and Lisa Salmon. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- L. Negotiations. Administrator Uhing reviewed the 2007-08 BlueCross & BlueShield rates and change related to Cash-In-Lieu programs.

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M. Personnel.

Motion by Higgins, second by Garwood, to accept, with regret, the retirement of Selma Addison (school psychologist) at the end of academic year 2006-07. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood

**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

The Board was notified of the resignation of At-Will employee, EDN Coordinator Karen Kai, effective May 24, 2007.

N. Adjourn. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Unanimous approval received.

*Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary*  
*Secretary*

*Ronnie Wenstrand, Board*

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, May 8 2007 @ ESU #1**