

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
April 12, 2011

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Kelly Ballinger and Steve Grube.

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 Garwood, second by Luxford, to excuse the absence of members Kelly Ballinger and Steve Grube. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Kirkholm, to approve the April 12, 2011, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (March 8, 2011 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, April Bills of \$582,746.68, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

E. Public Comment. None

- F. Special Education Rates. Special Education Director Stuart Clark reviewed and compared the special education contract rates for 2010-11 and 2011-12.
- G. ESU #1 Vision. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the ESU #1 Vision Statement: ***ESU #1 will model excellence by helping schools increase educators' effectiveness and student learning as a result of expert services.*** After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- H. ESU Accreditation Activities. Administrator Uhing outlined the accreditation activities that will be taking place to prepare for the QAR visit in October.
- I. Tower School Van. After discussion it was determined that the Administration will offer for sale the 2002 Ford F350 Econoline Van to areas schools at the superintendents' meeting on April 18. If no reasonable offer is received, Administrator Uhing will proceed with other options to sell the van.
- J. Property/Liability Insurance. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the 2011-12 property and liability insurance policy coverage as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- K. A/V and Computer Repair Contract. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve the A/V and Computer Repair Contract with George Hefner, DBA Hefner Electronics, at a rate of \$52/hour for the 2011-12 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- L. iPad Purchase. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the purchase of eight iPads for use by Core staff and in a mini-lab paid by the General Fund and Core Services and seven iPads for the PT/OT and Audiology departments funded by a grant. Administrator Uhing was also authorized to purchase additional iPads, as he so determines, to take advantage of the discounted price if lots of ten iPads were purchased. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- M. Paperless Board Meeting. Motion by Higgins, second by Reinert, to approve Option #2 (Information pdf delivery with hard copy available at meeting) for receiving the agenda and other Board related documents. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

N. Negotiations. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve Certified Staff Proposal #1, and language modifications, as outlined by the administration and approved by the Local NSEA Association. In addition to the approval of Proposal #1, the Board authorized the Administration to add .6% of the wage amount as a Retirement Off-Set Benefit for employees who are frozen and will receive no increase in 2011-12. This benefit will be for one year only and the package increase is projected to be 2.5%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the 2011-12 Wage & Benefit contracts for the following staff, as presented by Administrator Uhing.

Special Education Director & Office Manager: Package Increase = 2%
PT/OT Staff, Core Service Staff, School Nurse, Early Childhood Professional Development Coordinator and Central Office Custodian: Average Package Increase = 2.23%
After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

O. Personnel. Motion by Higgins, second by Kirkholm, to approve the following Certified Staff changes:

Resignation: Early Childhood Teacher Tina Sharpe; effective at end of 2010-11 contract
Voluntary Contract Reduction: ECSE/Communication Teacher Jennifer Bensen; 185 to 111 days for 2011-12 contract year
Voluntary Contract Increase: Sp/Lg Pathologist Dori Heitz; 75 to 92.5 days for 2011-12 contract year
New Hire: School Psychologist Annie Stachowitz (190 days); and Sp/Lg Technician Juliana Paquette (170 days) for contract year 2011-12.

After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

Board was informed that Paraeducator Philip Rohde is resigning effective May 20, 2011

P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 10, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.