

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2014

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood, and Rhonda Heise (arrived at 5:36 p.m.). **Absent:** Tom Luxford and Fred Boelter

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. Notification of Open Meetings Law

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 Reinert, to excuse the absence of Tom Luxford and Fred Boelter. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the April 15, 2014, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Heise, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (March 11, 2014 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, April 15, Bill Listing of \$648,902.53 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

E. Public Comment.

- F. Special Education Rates. Special Education Director Stuart Clark reviewed the current status of the contracts with school districts, a comparison of the rates between 2013-14 and projected rates for 2014-15, and a brief overview as to how the rates are established.
- G. Energy Audit. Administrator Uhing, along with Building and Grounds Committee members (Higgins, Garwood and Wenstrand) made a brief presentation and comments to the Board regarding the Energy Audit conducted by Navitas and the proposals. Motion by Garwood, second by Higgins, to proceed with the proposal outlined in **Table 1.1 Facility Upgrade Suggestions (Option 1: One-for-One HVAC Equipment Replacement)** and to authorize Administrator Uhing to sign all contracts necessary on behalf of the Board. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- H. A/V and Computer Repair Contract. Motion by Dowling second by Wenstrand, to approve the A/V and Computer Repair Contract with George Hefner, dba Hefner Electronics, at a rate of \$58/hour for the 2014-15 school year. After discussion, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- I. Tower Internet. Administrator Uhing provided information to the Board related to the expansion of the bandwidth at Tower School and working cooperatively with Wayne State College to share the cost of wiring. Motion by Higgins, second by Heise, to approve the expansion of the bandwidth at Tower School as recommended. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- J. BlendED Highlights. Administrator Uhing distributed a BlendED flipchart to the Board that outlined the initiative. In addition, he relayed that the incentives for Distance Learning expire January 1, 2015 and the action being taken to secure additional funding in the future.
- K. Property/Liability Insurance. Administrator Uhing reviewed the April 2, ESU #1 insurance policy (property, liability, worker's compensation, etc.) renewal, along with a comparison of the premiums for 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- L. School Support Projects. Motion by Higgins, second by Johnson, approving the 2014-15 School Support Projects as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- M. Co-op Software. Administrator Uhing relayed the results of the recent negotiations between the ESUCC and ESM (Co-op software company). The cost per ESU will increase, due to the addition of all schools having direct access to the program.
- N. Personnel. Motion by Johnson, second by Wenstrand, to accept the submitted retirements, with regret, and resignations for the following certified/licensed staff effective at the end of the 2013-14 academic year:

Retirement: School Psychologist Mike Scheuring & Communication Teacher Colleen Chase
Resignations: Occupational Therapist Brooke Mastalir & School Psychologist Intern Kayla Brown
After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

Motion by Reinert, second by Higgins, to approve the 2014-15 contracts for the following certified/licensed staff:
Occupational Therapist Lauren Pinkelman (195 days); School Psychologist Jaclyn Buttermore (190 days) and School Psychologist Intern Daphne Darter (190 days)
After discussion, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes:
Resignations: Paras Ashley Rewinkel (Tower) & TreyLynn Schomp (Winnebago) effective 3/21/14
New Hire: Para Kelli Colvard (Tower) effective 3/5/14

- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 13, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.