

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**April 12, 2016**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Fred Boelter, Dave Dowling, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:**

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:

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. All members present.
- C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve the April 12, 2016, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.
- D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Sorensen, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (March 8, 2016 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report; April 15, bill listing of \$765,204.80 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.
- E. Public Comment.
- F. ESU #1 Credit Card. Motion by Boelter, second by Johnson, to authorize an increase in the Credit Line of the Grant Visa card from \$10,000 to \$15,000 due to the increased activity requiring payment by credit card. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.
- G. Additional April Grant Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to authorize the payment of additional bills received in April related to the Demo and PEP grants to meet the requirements and

timelines of the grants noted. The April 30, maximum estimated expense is \$90,000. A detailed listing of the checks will be available at the May meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows.

**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

H. Special Education Rates. A handout was distributed to the Board outlining the process for establishing special education rates. In addition, the Board received information on the 2016-17 contracted rates and staffing.

I. A/V & Computer Repair Contract. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the 2016-17 A/V and Computer Repair Contract with George Hefner, dba Hefner Electronics, at a rate of \$62 per hour. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

J. ESU #1 Annual Survey. Motion by Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to accept the results of the 2015-16 Annual Survey. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

K. Property/Liability Insurance. Administrator Uhing reviewed the 2016-17 Employer's Mutual insurance package and a cost comparison between 2015-16 and 2016-17.

L. School Support Projects. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the 2016-17 School Support Projects as outlined by Administrator Uhing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

M. Negotiations. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the 2016-17 Classified staff proposal as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

N. Personnel. Motion by Boelter, second by Sorensen to approve the following resignations effective at the end of their 2015-16 contract: Speech Language Pathologists Pam Barnes and Nancy Dean; Early Childhood Teachers Jessica Bertschinger and Amanda Braun. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

Motion by Johnson, second by Wenstrand to approve the following 2016-17 new hires: School Psychology Interns Caitlin Roussan and Calvin Frey for 2016-17 (190 days). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes:

**New Hire:** Tower School Paraeducator Angela Billheimer, effective April 4, 2016

**Ended Employment:** Winnebago Paraeducator Thelma Rice effective March 9, 2016 and Tower Paraeducator Tara Koll effective February 16, 2016.

- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 10, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.**