

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2017

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Heise, second by Messersmith, to excuse the absence of Tom Luxford. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the April 11, 2017 agenda as presented. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Sorensen, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (March 14, 2017 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, April Bills totaling \$893,897.43 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

E. Public Comment. None

F. AdvancEd Exit Report. Administrator Uhing provided a summary of the AdvancEd Exit Report and referenced the video that was shared with ESU #1 staff, school districts and Board.

G. PowerSchool Consultant. Administrator Uhing notified the Board that the current consultant will be retiring and transitioning the position to another individual.

H. Native American Grants. Motion by Sorensen, second by Heise, to authorize the expenditure of PEP and Demo grant funds for activities and expenses incurred to meet the requirements and timelines of the grants noted. A listing of all expenditures will be presented to the Board at the May meeting. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

I. Special Education Rates. Administrator Uhing gave a brief overview and comparison of the 2016-17 and 2017-18 special education rates and rate calculations. In addition, an update was given on the staffing projections for next year.

J. Administrator Transition Process. Administrator Uhing and Board discussed the transition process for the new administrator. Additional details will be outlined at future meetings.

K. A/V and Computer Repair Contract. Motion by Boelter, second by Messersmith, to approve the 2017-18 A/V and Computer Repair Contract with George Hefner, dba Hefner Electronics, at a rate of \$64 per hour. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

L. ESU #1 Annual Survey. Administrator Uhing shared the results of the 2016-17 Annual School Survey. The response rate was very high and the comments were very complimentary of the agency and staff.

M. Property/Liability Insurance. Administrator Uhing reviewed the 2017-18 property and liability insurance package through Employer's Mutual and the limits of coverage outlined. The annual effective date of coverage is April 2.

N. School Support Projects. Motion by Johnson, second by Reinert, to approve the 2017-18 School Support Projects as outlined by Administrator Uhing. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

O. Personnel. Motion by Messersmith, second by Heise, to approve the following personnel changes: New Hire ~ Sp/Lg Technician Tracey Neumann (185 days) and School Psychologist Kristine Buckley (114 days); Resignation ~ Desiree Rose; Voluntary Reduction ~ School Psychologist Kimmy Mickelson (190 days to 162). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 9, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.