

ESU #1 Board Minutes
Wakefield, NE 68784
August 12, 2008

Internet Usage/Safety Policy Hearing

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 12, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central office in Wakefield, NE (Conference Room B). The purpose of the special public hearing was to review, discuss, consider, and receive input and suggested modifications to the Internet Usage/Safety Policy.

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

Audience: None

Hearing closed at 5:33 p.m. A meeting will be held immediately following all published hearings to take such action as the ESU #1 Board may deem appropriate.

Lisa Salmon,
Recording Secretary

Student Fee Policy Hearing

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 12, 2008, at 5:35 p.m. at the Central office in Wakefield, NE (Conference Room B). The purpose of the special public hearing was to review the current Student Fee Policy and the application of said policy by ESU #1 for the 2008-09 school year and discuss, consider and receive input and suggested modifications to the Student Fee Policy.

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

Audience: None

Hearing closed at 5:38 p.m. A meeting will be held immediately following all published hearings to take such action as the ESU #1 Board may deem appropriate.

Lisa Salmon,
Recording Secretary

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2008

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 5:38 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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. The meeting was duly called 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.

B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to approve the August 12, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Steele, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (June 10, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, August Bills of \$650,636.90, and Administrator's Report). In addition, the Consent Agenda includes a Resolution thanking the Knights of Columbus for their \$1,000 donation to Tower School. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

D. Approve June Grant Checks. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to approve the listing of June grant checks totaling \$79,633.42. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

E. Approve June Treasurer's Report. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Steele, to approve the June Treasurer's Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None;
Not Voting: None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- F. Approve July Expenditures. Motion by Steele, second by Garwood, to approve the July expenditures totaling \$635,660.53. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None;
Not Voting: None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- G. Student Fee Policy. Motion by Higgins, second by Boelter, to approve the current ESU #1 Student Fee Policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None;
Not Voting: None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- H. Internet Usage/Safety Policy. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger, to approve the current ESU #1 Internet Usage/Safety Policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None;
Not Voting: None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- I. Anti-Bullying Policy. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the Anti-Bullying Policy as presented. This policy will be added to the Tower School Parent/Student Handbook and will be annually reviewed and approved by the Board. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None;
Not Voting: None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- J. Hot Lunch Appointments (Tower School). Motion by Ballinger, second by Wenstrand, to appoint Stuart Clark as the Hearing Officer and Myrna Wacker Tuttle as the Manager for the Hot Lunch Program at Tower School. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None;
Not Voting: None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- K. Central Office Landscaping. Motion by Garwood, second by Steele, to approve the landscaping proposal from Country Nursery for the north entry of the Central office at an estimated cost of \$2,758. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None;
Not Voting: None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- L. Computer Purchase. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Steele, to enter into a four-year lease purchase agreement with Apple Computer for 27 computers as proposed by the

Administration at a cost of \$43,326 (24 for computer lab and 3 replacements). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- M. 2008 Mileage Rate. Motion by Garwood, second by Higgins, to increase the mileage rate from 50.5¢ to 58.5¢ per mile to match the IRS allowable rate effective with the 2008-09 contract year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** Boelter; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-1

- N. Information Specialist Position. Administrator Uhing reported that the Coordinating Council is considering hiring an Information Specialist who will serve on its behalf. The ESU #1 Board expressed no concern with this action by the Council.

- O. Budget Parameters/1% Approval. No Action (Super Majority of Board Required for Vote)

- P. Additional August Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$60,000 for General Fund bills on August 31, 2008 to close out the 2007-08 fiscal year. This amount will not include any transfer funds required. In addition, the Board approves the expenditures of grant funds required to close out their fiscal year and meet reporting period requirements. A report of final expenditures will be presented at the September meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- Q. September Meeting Date. Board unanimously agreed to reschedule the September meeting date from September 9, to September 16 to allow additional time to compile budget information, advertise hearing dates and present to the Board. The Budget Hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. and the Hearing to Set Final Tax Request at 5:10, with the regular September meeting to immediately follow the scheduled hearings. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

- R. Negotiations. No Action

- S. Personnel. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to accept the resignation of Physical Therapist Staci Fethkenher. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

The ESU #1 Board was informed of the following changes in Classified staff:

Releases:

Cecilia Banholzer, Tower Paraeducator, effective June 30, 2008

Diane Praseuth-Goos, Tower Paraeducator, effective July 17, 2008

Rachel Borer, Tower Paraeducator, effective July 17, 2008
Shauna Landanger, Tower Paraeducator, effective July 2, 2008
Caroline Heimes, Tower Paraeducator, effective July 2, 2008
Amy Sowards, Tower Paraeducator
Pati Kreisel, Winnebago Paraeducator
Jodie Saxen, Winnebago Paraeducator

Hires:

Sheryl Lampman, Sign Language Interpreter @ Bloomfield
Kevin Wiltman, Tower Paraeducator

- T. Adjournment. Motion by Steele, second by Dowling, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Unanimous approval received.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting @ ESU #1 (Wakefield) ~ Tuesday, September 16, 2008
Hearing: Budget Hearing 5:00 p.m. & Hearing to Set Final Tax Request 5:10 p.m.