

**ESU #1 Board Minutes**  
**Wakefield, NE 68784**  
**August 11, 2009**

### **Student Fee Policy Hearing**

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 11, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central office in Wakefield, NE. The purpose of the special public hearing was to review, discuss, consider, and receive input and suggested modifications to the Student Fee Policy.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Pat Nauroth, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood;

**Absent:** Wayne Goeden, Kelly Ballinger and Rich Higgins (Ten members due to vacancy left by Linda Steele from Election District #1)

**Audience:** None

Hearing closed at 5:34 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 11, 2009**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 5:34 p.m. at the ESU #1 Central Office, Wakefield, Nebraska. The following members were present or absent:

**Present:** Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Pat Nauroth, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood;  
**Absent:** Wayne Goeden, Kelly Ballinger and Rich Higgins (Ten members due to vacancy left by Linda Steele from Election District #1)

**Audience:** None

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. Chairman Dowling duly called the 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.

B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Nauroth, second by Reinert, to approve the August 11, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Member Kelly Ballinger arrived at 5:38 p.m.

C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (June 9, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, August Bills of \$623,870.22, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to amend the August Agenda to include "Appointment of Board Member," as an action item from the Consent Agenda. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

Motion by Garwood, second by Dowling, to approve the appointment of Nancy Kirkholm to the ESU #1 Board as a representative for Election District #1 to complete the remainder of the Linda Steele's term.

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

D. Public Comment. None

E. Student Fee Policy. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the current ESU #1 Student Fee Policy, with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

F. Anti-Bullying Policy. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the current ESU #1 Anti-Bullying Policy, with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

G. Approve Additional June Grant Checks. Motions by Wenstrand, second by Bock, to approve the listing of June grant checks totaling \$54,564.55. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

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

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

I. Approve July Expenditures. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger, to approve the July 15, expenditures totaling \$674,752.38 and July 31, 2009 expenditures totaling \$17,008.58. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

J. ESUCC Master Services Agreement. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve ESU #1's participation in all of the cooperative projects offered by the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council for the 2009-10 school year, and that the Board authorize the Administrator of ESU #1 to sign the Master Services Agreement on behalf of ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- K. ESU #1 Master Agreement. Motion by Ballinger, second by Reinert, to approve the 2009-10 and 2010-11 Master Agreement as presented and approved by the ESU #1 Education Association. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For: Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:**.

- L. Wireless Network Bid. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to enter into a contract with Prime Communications in the amount of \$10,959.22 to provide wireless networking at the Central office. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- M. Auditor Contract. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to enter into a three-year contract with Art White and Associates to provide audit services at an annual cost of \$4,200. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- N. AdvancEd Accreditation. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on the current status of ESU #1 and the AdvancEd Accreditation process and the steps necessary to further advance the process. After discussion, it was determined that this topic would appear on the September agenda for action.

- O. MAP Proposal. Norfolk Public Schools Curriculum Director Bob Hastings presented an overview of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments related to the following academic areas: Reading, Mathematics, Language Arts and Science, via Skype.

Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to authorize ESU #1 to act as the fiscal agent and financially support the trainings and half of the cost of the school districts' assessment fee for MAPs, pending school support. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- P. Budget Parameters/1% Approval/Meeting Date. Administrator Uhing distributed an updated DRAFT of the 2009-10 Budget summary. Due to a lack of Super Majority of Board members in attendance, action on the 1% will be tabled until September.

Unanimous Board approval to postpone next month's meeting until September 15, and hold all hearings related to the 2009-10 budget on the same date starting at 5:15 p.m. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- Q. Additional August Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Dowling, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$95,000 for General Fund bills on August 31, 2009 to close out the 2008-09 fiscal year. This amount will not include any transfer funds required. In addition, the Board approves the expenditure of grant funds required to close out the fiscal year of individual grants and meet the 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:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- R. Negotiations – Classified Staff. Motion by Garwood, second by Ballinger, to approve the 2009-10 Classified Staff Proposal as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

Motion by Ballinger, second by Bock, to approve the 2009-10 At-Will Agreements for the following: Melissa Munsen (EDN Coordinator); Barb Schroeder (EDN Coordinator); LaVonne Carson (Central Custodian); Dawn Litt (SRS Trainer); and Susan Strahm (ECPD Coordinator) as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- S. Personnel. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to approve the following resignations effective at the end of the 2008-09 contract year: Lanita Recob (Technology Trainer); Sara Webster (Sp/Lg Pathologist); Katie Boyle (School Psychologist). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the following new hires for the 2009-10 academic year: Communication Aides (185 Days) ~ Colleen Chase, Jenna McAfee, Charlotte Scheuring and Sara Schlickbernd; Speech/Language Pathologist (37 Days) ~ Doreen Heitz; School Psychologist (190 Days) ~ Jessica Markvicka; BD Teacher @ Tower (208 Days) ~ Chantelle Hoffman. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

Motion by Garwood, second by Dowling, to approve a 2009-10 contract amendment for Occupational Therapist Angela Wortman from 120 days to 140 days. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

Motion by Nauroth, second by Bock to approve the resignations of Jenna McAfee, Charlotte Scheuring and Sara Schlickbernd (Communication Aides) at the end of the 2009-10 contract year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger, Nauroth, Bock, Reinert; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

Administrator Uhing informed the Board of the following Classified Staff changes:

**Resignations:**

Angela Mahurin and Anthony Lawrence (Tower BD Paraeducators)

**New Hires/Assignment Changes:**

Brittany Leu and Carmon Campbell (Winnebago Paraeducators); Bill Schenk II (Tower BD Paraeducator); Kayla Wiltman (Wakefield Resource Center Paraeducator); Stephanie E Jensen (EDN Coordinator); Matt Menken (Winnebago Paraeducator transferring to Tower BD Paraeducator)

T. Adjournment. Motion by Bock, second by Dowling, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Unanimous approval received.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting @ ESU #1 (Wakefield) ~ Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

Hearing: Budget Hearing 5:15 p.m. & Hearing to Set Final Tax Request 5:25 p.m.