

**ESU #1 Board Minutes  
Wakefield, NE 68784  
August 14, 2012**

### **Student Fee Policy Hearing**

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 14, 2012, at 5:25 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, Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Kelly Ballinger

**Audience:** None

Hearing closed at 5:30 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 14, 2012**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present: Present:** Joy Bock, Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Kelly Ballinger

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: ESU #1 Staff Development Team ~ Rhonda Jindra, Amy Hill and Chris Good

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 Garwood, second by Reinert, to excuse the absence of member Kelly Ballinger. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Garwood, to approve the August 14, 2012, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Kirkholm, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (June 12, 2012 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, August Bills of \$709,633.24, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

E. Public Comment.

F. Data Guide Book. ESU #1 Staff Development Team presented a data guidebook that was created in collaboration with ESU #1, NDE and McRel staff. The guidebook is being shared with educators statewide.

G. Student Fees Policy. Motion by Boelter, second by Bock, 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:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- H. Anti-Bullying Policy. Motion by Kirkholm, second by Grube, 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:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- I. Conference Room Tables. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the purchase of 20 wheeled conference room tables at an approximate cost of \$9,450. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- J. Auditor Contract. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve a three-year contract with the auditing firm of Art White & Associates (2012 – 2014) at an annual cost of \$4,600. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- K. School Services. Administrator Uhing reviewed the services offered to parochial schools and how they are funded.

- L. Approve Additional June Checks. Motion by Kirkholm, second by Luxford, to approve the listing of June grant checks as presented totaling \$35,578.28. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- M. Approve June Treasurer's Report. Motion by Garwood, second by Grube, to approve the June Treasurer's Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- N. Approve July Expenditures. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve the listing of July expenditures as presented totaling \$727,624.13. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- O. Hot Lunch Appointments. Motion by Higgins, second by Wenstrand, to approve Stuart Clark as the Hearing Officer and Myrna Wacker Tuttle as the manager for the Tower School hot lunch program. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- P. Native American Consortium. Administrator Uhing reviewed the Native American Consortium Memorandum of Understanding that has been presented to the four Native American Schools and agreed upon by each districts' administration, and signed by NDE.

Q. Budget Parameters/1% Approval. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to exceed the budgeted limit for fiscal year 2012-13 by an additional 1%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

R. Additional August Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$400,000 on August 31, 2012 to close out the 2011-12 fiscal year (General Fund and Grant Fund). 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:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

S. Personnel. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Grube, to approve the following 2012-13 contracts: School Psychology Intern Crystal Smith (38 days), School Psychology Intern Amber Paulson (190 days), Preschool/ECSE Teacher Sara Ruwe (95 days) and ECSE Teacher Renee Sjuts (185 days). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes ~

**New Hires**

Tower School Paraeducators: Candace Ahrens, Megan Olson, Lauryn Braun and Maggie Gubbels

Wakefield Paraeducators: Daisy Armendariz and Karen Wirth

Winnebago Paraeducators: Allise Free, Alex Schumacher and Amy Wiseman

**Resignations**

Tower Paraeducator: Molly Kitson

Winnebago Paraeducator: Leah Pickinpaugh

T. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 11, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.**