

ESU #1 Board Minutes
Wakefield, NE 68784
August 14, 2018

Student Fee Policy Hearing

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 14, 2018, 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. Notice of the hearing was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the required method for giving notice of hearings.

Present: Sally Reinert, Helen Sorensen, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Rodney Garwood and Rhonda Heise.

Absent: Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Jeff Messersmith, Tom Luxford and Ronnie Wenstrand

Hearing closed at 5:30 p.m. The regular meeting will be held immediately following the published hearing to take such action as the ESU #1 Board may deem appropriate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa Salmon".

Lisa Salmon,
Recording Secretary

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
August 14, 2018

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, Chairman Dowling 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 Sorensen, second by Heise, to excuse the absence of members Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Jeff Messersmith, Tom Luxford and Ronnie Wenstrand. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the August 14, 2018 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Sorensen, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (June 11, 2018 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, August Bills of \$850,686.05 as presented and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

E. Public Comment. None

- F. Student Fee Policy. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to approve the current Student Fee Policy with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.
- G. Anti-Bullying Policy. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve the current Anti-Bullying Policy with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.
- H. Board Policy. Motion by Dowling, second by Sorensen, to adopt the entire contents of Board Policy Articles 1-4 (Unit Organization, Board Meetings, Services and Operation and Personnel) and rescind current Articles 1-4. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.
- I. Special Education Certificated Staff Evaluation Instrument. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to adopt the Special Education Certificated Staff Evaluation Instrument as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.
- J. Distance Education Agreement/E-Rate Coordinator. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to approve the 2018-19 Distance Education/E-Rate Coordinator Agreement with ESU #2 in the amount of \$66,500 for 18 participating school districts and ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.
- K. Copy Machine Replacement. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to authorize Administrator Heimann to enter into an agreement with Office System to replace the current Central office copiers as presented at a monthly cost of \$248.52. In addition, ESU #1 will be billed a per copy cost on a monthly basis. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.
- L. Tower School Facility Updates. Motion by Sorensen, second by Reinert, to approve the Tower School site maintenance and improvements as presented (fence repair, replacement and expansion) at a cost not to exceed \$19,000. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.
- M. Central Office Landscaping. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to approve the recommended landscaping upgrade at the Central Office at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- N. Approve Additional June Checks. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the additional June expenditures of \$44,284.81 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- O. Approve June Treasurer's Report. Motion by Heise, second by Sorensen, to confirm the June Treasurer's Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- P. Approve July Expenditures. Motion by Sorensen, second by Heise, to confirm the July expenditures of \$894,516.51 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- Q. Hot Lunch Appointments. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to name Stuart Clark as the hearing officer and Myrna Wacker Tuttle as the manager of the hot lunch program. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- R. Budget Parameters/1% Approval. No action taken due to a shortage of Board members required to meet the mandated 75% voting in favor of action for passage (75% of total Board or 8 members). Agenda item will be placed on the September agenda.

- S. Additional August Bills. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to authorize expenditures of up to \$75,000 on August 30, 2018 to close out the 2017-18 fiscal year (general fund and grant funds). Any required transfer of funds between programs and/or accounts will not be included in the maximum amount. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- T. Personnel. Motion by Dowling, second by Heise, to approve contract amendments for Speech/Language Pathologist Sheila Becker (from 90-95% FTE) and Speech/Language Pathologist Wendy Sudbeck (from 80-91% FTE). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes:

Resignations ~ Tower Paraeducator Stormie Surrell, effective July 19, 2018 (end of 2017-18 year)

New Hire ~ EDN Service Provider Regina Dutcher (220 days), effective August 3, 2018

Retirement ~ Finance Clerk Diane Keim, effective December 31, 2018

Motion by Dowling, second by Sorensen, to thank Finance Clerk Diane Keim for her 31 plus years of dedicated service to ESU #1 and wish her all the best in her retirement effective December 31, 2018. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- U. ESU Board Member Resignations. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to approve the resignations of the following ESU #1 Board members: Jeff Messersmith (District 7) effective July 31, 2018; Ronald Wenstrand (District 5) effective August 10, 2018; and Rodney Garwood (District 8) effective August 15, 2018. In addition, the Board would like to thank all of the resigning board members for their many years of service to ESU #1, the area districts and students. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- V. ESU Board Member Appointments. Motion by Dowling, second by Heise, to appoint Tucker Hight as the Board representative for District 8 and Traci Haglund as the Board representative for District 5, effective August 15, 2018. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Reinert, Sorensen, Dowling, Boelter, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;
Motion Carried: 6-0.

- W. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 11
Budget Hearing @ 5:15
Hearing to Set Final Tax Request @ 5:25
Regular Meeting @ 5:30