

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING  
December 13, 2011**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at Tower School in Wayne, Nebraska.

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

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: Denise Dowling, Kelly Grube, Bobbi Hightree, Terry Comstock, Leah Clark, Rose Wenstrand, Dennis Reinert.

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 Dowling, second by Reinert, to excuse the absence of members Rich Higgins, Kelly Ballinger, Nancy Kirkholm and Joy Bock. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Grube, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

- C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Grube, to approve the December 13, 2011, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Grube, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

- D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Grube, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (November 9, 2011 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, December Bills of \$591,571.05, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Grube, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

- E. Public Comment. None

- F. 2011-12 Employee of the Year. Administrator Uhing introduced the 2010-11 Employee of the Year Bobbi Hightree and her guest Terry Comstock.

- G. NESUBA/NASB Report. Board members Ronnie Wenstrand and Rod Garwood reported on the recent NESUBA meeting and Fred Boelter and Rod Garwood reported on the NASB Conference.

H. ESU Rule 84. Administrator Uhing summarized the changes in NDE Rule 84 (deleted requirement for superintendent advisory council and added certification and endorsement requirements for administrators, teachers, and special services certificated staff).

I. Copy Machine Purchases. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the purchase of a CANON imageRUNNER C7055 Digital Color Copier for the Central office at a cost of \$20,000 and a CANON imageRUNNER 3225 Digital Copier for Tower School at a cost of \$3,850. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Grube, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

J. 2012 Mileage Rate. Motion by Reinert, second by Grube, that ESU #1 apply the Federal mileage rate as it becomes effective for the calculation of commuter and business miles. Any change in the rate during academic year 2011-12 will be applied according to its effective date and the Board will be informed of changes as they occur. **NOTE:** The mileage rate effective January 1, 2012 is 55.5¢/mile (same as current rate). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Grube, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

K. Administrator's Evaluation. Administrator Uhing reported that the evaluation instrument has been emailed to all Board members and a completed form is to be submitted to Chairman Dowling by December 30. Action on the contract will be listed as an agenda item in January, 2012.

L. Personnel. The Board was notified of the following Classified Staff changes:

**New Hire**

Leah Pickinpaugh, Linda Lees and Warren Lange ~ Winnebago Paraeducators  
Tracey Anderson ~ Central Office Secretary  
Michelle Galles ~ Tower School Paraeducator (BD)  
Brenda Goodier ~ Homer School Paraeducator

**Exiting Staff**

Seth Mason ~ Winnebago Paraeducator  
Michael Wostoupal ~ Winnebago Paraeducator (reclassified as substitute)

M. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 10, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m. (Central Office)**