

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2016**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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.

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 Messersmith, second by Boelter, to excuse the absence of members Joy Bock and Tom Luxford. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve the December 13, 2016 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Heise, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (November 8, 2016 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, December Bills of \$954,680.17 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. NESUBA/NASB Report. Ron Wenstrand and Sally Reinert reported on the November NESUBA meeting held in Omaha on November 17.

G. AESA Report. Fred Boelter and Rod Garwood reported on the AESA conference held in Savannah, Georgia.

H. Tower School Update. Administrator Uhing shared that the roof project at Tower is complete, the additional cameras and equipment should be installed in January and the additional parking project will be postponed until the weather warms up to complete the cement work.

- I. ESU #1 Audit. The 2015-16 Audit report was distributed to the Board for review and with action to take place in January.
- J. Health Insurance Rates. Motion by Garwood, second by Messersmith, to approve the additional percentage increase in health/dental premium rates for the Certified staff (projected 5.5% and final was 7.99%) at an estimated cost of \$14,393. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- K. ESU #1 NeSA Analysis. Administrator Uhing shared the results of the Math, Reading and Science scores for the ESU #1 area schools.
- L. Central Office Energy Report. Administrator Uhing shared information received from Navitas related to the cost savings from our energy efficiency project. We have realized some cost savings, however, not to the level expected.
- M. Administrator's Contract. Motion by Garwood, second by Johnson, to approve a two-year Administrator's Contract with Dr. Bill Heimann effective July 1, 2016 at a base salary of \$165,000 and benefits as presented. In addition, the Board will reimburse the Administrator for moving expenses at the federal rate allowed. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- N. Personnel. The ESU #1 Board was informed of the following Classified staff change
New Hires: Tower School Paraeducator Brandon Bear, effective December 13, 2016
Employment Ending: Tower School Paraeducator James Ruley effective December 9, 2016.
- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 10, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.