

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**February 10, 2009**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the ESU #1 Central Office, Wakefield, Nebraska. The following members were present or absent:

**Present:** Joy Bock, Rich Higgins, Linda Steele, Dave Dowling, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Kelly Ballinger and Wayne Goeden. **Absent:** Fred Boelter. (Nine members due to vacancy left by Stan Cople and vacancy for additional election district.)

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 Wenstrand, second by Steele, to approve the February 10, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Goeden, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion carried:** 8-0.

C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Higgins, second by Bock, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (January 19, Minutes [with Attendance correction ~ Joy Bock]; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, February Bills of \$499,580.97 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Goeden, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion carried:** 8-0.

D. Public Comment. None

E. Audit Report. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to accept the 2007-08 Audit Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Goeden, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion carried:** 8-0.

F. Nebraska Association of School Board Dues. Motion by Ballinger, second by Garwood, to approve the annual membership and fee of \$712 to NASB (Nebraska Association of School Board Members). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Goeden, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion carried:** 8-0.

- G. Legislation. Administrator Uhing highlighted current proposed legislation that would have an affect on ESU's and/or school districts.
- H. External Visitation Report. Administrator Uhing distributed copies of the External Visitation Report and summarized its contents.
- I. Designate Newspapers of Record. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger, to approve the Wayne Herald, Cedar County News, Dakota County Star, Pender Times, Bloomfield Monitor and the Wakefield Republican as the newspapers of record for ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Goeden, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion carried:** 8-0.
- J. FMLA Board Policy. Motion by Garwood, second by Steele, to adopt the revised Family and Medical Leave Act policy as presented due to legislative changes and to repeal and rescind all existing Board policies that pertain to the same matters or that are otherwise conflicting after one reading and waive the second reading requirement. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Goeden, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion carried:** 8-0.
- K. Negotiations. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to recognize the ESU #1 Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the certified staff.  
  
**For:** Bock, Goeden, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion carried:** 8-0.
- L. Personnel. No action.
- M. Adjournment. Motion by Higgins, second by Steele, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Unanimous approval received.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting @ ESU #1 (Wakefield) ~ Tuesday, March 10, 2009**