

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2011

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford (5:35 p.m.). **Absent:** Joy Bock, Rich Higgins, Ronnie Wenstrand and 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 Technology Coordinator Jim Hopkins

Call Meeting to Order. Chairman Dowling duly called the meeting to order. Steve Grube signed the Oath of Office and Board was asked to sign the Code of Ethics for ESU #1 Board Members.

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 Boelter, second by Garwood, to excuse the absence of members Joy Bock, Rich Higgins, Ronnie Wenstrand and Kelly Ballinger. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the February 8, 2011, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0.

Member Tom Luxford arrived at 5:35 p.m.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Kirkholm, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (January 11, 2010 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, February Bills of \$505,716.80, Additional Bills of \$1,070.58 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

E. Public Comment. None

F. Paperless Board Meetings. Jim Hopkins presented a demonstration of the Virtual Board Meeting software that could be used by ESU #1. Unanimous decision to Table this agenda item until March.

G. Nebraska Association of School Board Dues. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the annual membership dues of \$735 to NASB (Nebraska Association of School Boards) for April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

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

H. Legislation. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on pending legislative bills that will impact education and school districts statewide, specifically highlighting LB 235, 236 and 382.

I. Audit Report. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to accept the 2009-10 Audit Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

J. Budget Discussions. Administrator Uhing presented a survey completed by superintendents that ranked Special Projects funded primarily by ESU #1. Discussion included budgeting parameters for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

K. Negotiations. Board discussed negotiation timelines and legislation that may impact the process. The Board authorized Administrator Uhing to meet with the ESU #1 NSEA Negotiation Team and that he be charged with directing the negotiation process and updating the Board.

L. CIR Resolution. Discussed a proposed ***Resolution on the CIR and Helping Local Boards.***

M. Administrator's Evaluation. Chairman Dowling reported that a copy of Administrator Uhing's evaluation will be sent to the Central office for placement in his personnel file.

N. Personnel. The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes:
Kevin Wiltman (Tower BD Paraeducator) ~ Resignation ~ Effective 2-25-11

O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 8, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.