

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2013**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 12, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** 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: Staff Developer Chris Good and Tower Teacher Chantelle Hoffman

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.

Administrator Uhing introduced 2011-12 Employee of the Year Chris Good to the Board.

B. Board Member Roll Call. Recording secretary completed roll call of board members. Motion by Garwood, second by Grube, to excuse the absence of member Rich Higgins. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Kirkholm, to approve the February 12, 2013, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (January 8, 2013 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, February Bills of \$596,422.97 and Administrator's Report). A correction in the January 8, minutes to remove Chris Good's name from the audience. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Additional January Bills. Motion by Boelter, second by Grube, to approve the additional January expenditures of \$17,409.82 due to the early January Board meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- G. Nebraska Association of School Boards' Dues. Administrator Uhing informed the Board that the 2013 dues were being paid this month and outlined the benefits of participating in the organization.
- H. Legislation. Administrator Uhing highlighted legislative bills that, if passed, will have an impact on ESU's.
- I. Contract Language. Administrator Uhing discussed Special Education School Contract language and Employee Contract language with the Board to see if additional language or changes to the language should be made.
- J. Health Insurance Costs. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to approve the administrative recommendation related to the Certified staff and the change in the EHA deductible (\$600 to \$750) for the 2013-14 year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

Office Manager Lisa Salmon presented information on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and its impact on ESU #1.

- K. Statewide BlendEd System. Administrator Uhing presented the individual aspects of the BlendEd Initiative. The system will provide teachers and students access to instructional tools, technologies and resources.
- L. Technology Plan Certification. Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to approve ESU #1 Technology Plan as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

Motion by Garwood, second by Grube, to accept the \$25,852 bid from Conference Technologies for the same upgrade to Conference Room A & B. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- N. Negotiations. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to approve the 2013-14 contracts and wages for Office Manager Lisa Salmon and Special Education Director Stuart Clark as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- O. Personnel. Motion by Garwood, second by Bock, to approve the January 7, through June 30, 2013 contract (25 days) for ATP Grant Liaison Leah Merkwon and a 2013-14 contract (220 days) for Staff Developer Kellen Conroy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie We strand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 12, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.