

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 2014**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Joy Bock (arrived at 5:37 p.m.), Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Adrian (AJ) Johnson 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: None

Call Meeting to Order.

A. Notification of Open Meetings Law

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 Kirkholm, second by Heise, to excuse the absence of Rich Higgins and Adrian (AJ) Johnson. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert second by Boelter, to approve the February 11, 2014, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Heise, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (January 14, 2014 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, February 15 Bill Listing of \$616,887.38 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

E. Public Comment.

F. State Assessment Proposal. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to support the proposal to move to a single assessment system. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

G. Nebraska Association of School Boards' Dues. Administrator Uhing provided a summary of the benefits of maintaining a membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards. The \$735 annual membership is listed in the February bills.

H. Legislation. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on legislative proposals that will and/or could affect ESU's and school districts.

I. Audit Report. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to accept the 2012-13 Audit Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

J. ESU #1 Technology Plan Certification. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to approve the ESU #1 Technology Plan as submitted by ESU #1 to the Nebraska Department of Education. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

K. Comprehensive Energy Audit. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to authorize Administrator Uhing to proceed in obtaining an energy audit for the ESU #1 Central office at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. The results and recommendations are to be shared with the Board at the conclusion of the audit. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

L. Staff Contracts. Administrator Uhing shared the contract listing for 2014-15 certified staff.

M. Negotiations. Motion by Boelter, second by Heise, to approve the 2014-15 salary recommendations made by Administrator Uhing for the Administrative staff and Staff Development personnel. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

N. Personnel. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve the School Psychology Assistant contract with Alexa Sorensen for 45 days effective February 4, 2014. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

In addition, the Board was informed of the resignation of Paraeducator Linsey Msesserschmidt effective February 12, 2014.

O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 11, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.**