

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2016

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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:

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 Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to excuse the absence of Jeff Messersmith and Rhonda Heise. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Luxford, to approve the February 9, 2016, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (January 12, 2016 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, February 15, Bill Listing of \$762,463.19 plus the January 25, 2016 Grant expenditure of \$2,125.00 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- E. Public Comment.
- F. Tower Furnaces and A/C. Motion by Boelter, second by Johnson, to approve the estimate by Clausen Air Inc. of \$25,502 for replacement of the heating and air conditioning units at Tower School, along with a \$1,500 estimate for a P-Tak Unit in front room. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

G. Nebraska Association of School Board Dues. Motion by Sorensen, second by Reinert, to approve the annual NASB membership for 2016-17. The \$735 bill for dues will appear in the March bills. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

H. Legislation. Administrator Uhing reviewed proposed bills that will have a significant impact on schools and ESU's.

I. Audit Report. Motion by Johnson, second by Reinert, to accept the 2014-15 Audit Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

J. ESU #1 Technology Plan. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, 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, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

K. Student Loan Forgiveness Program. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to approve the partnership between ESU #1 and AESA to offer student loan forgiveness through the Innovative Student Loan Solutions program. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

L. ESU #1 Bandwidth. Motion by Johnson, second by Sorensen, to authorize Administrator Uhing to sign a contract with Network Nebraska for up to 200mg of bandwidth at a cost of \$943.67 and pro-rated for anything less than 200mg used, along with a one-time charge of \$16,977.64. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

M. Staff Contracts. Administrator Uhing presented a list of certified staff that would be offered contracts for the 2016-17 academic year.

N. Priority School Update. Administrator Uhing provided a status update on the Priority Team working with Santee Public Schools.

O. Personnel. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to accept the resignation of EDN Coordinator Laura Heise, effective January 22 and the hiring of EDN Coordinator Abigail Engel, effective February 5, 2016. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 8, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.