

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2017

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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: Architects Jon Carlson and Dillon Weitzl of Carlson West Povondra

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.

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

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to approve the February 14, 2017 agenda as presented. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Luxford, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (January 10, 2017 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, February Bills totaling \$781,701.63 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

E. Public Comment. None

F. Central Office Upgrades. A presentation to the Board was given by architects Jon Carlson and Dillon Weigl on expansion of the conference room area and entry, a remodel and reconfiguration of the business office and media area, as well as options for additional parking. Motion by Johnson, second by Boelter, to move forward on the project as presented at a projected cost of \$590,400 not including contingency cost or project expenses. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

G. Nebraska Association of School Board Dues. Motion by Boelter, second by Sorensen, to continue membership in the NASB and approve the annual dues of \$735 for 2017-18. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

H. Legislation. Administrator Uhing discussed the impact LB 431 and LB 337 & 338 will have on ESU #1 and area school districts. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to support the letter of response to LB 431 drafted by Administrator Uhing. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

I. Program & Staff Reduction/Change.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, due to the declining enrollment, changes in financial support, changing programs, changing attendance centers, budget limitations and other administrative and financial factors, it is necessary that programs and staff positions offered by this Educational Service Unit #1 be reviewed and that a determination be made as to those programs and staff positions that should be discontinued, reduced or changed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Educational Service Unit #1 has taken action to reduce other expenses so as to affect classroom expenses as a last resort; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Educational Service Unit #1 has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to reduce programs and staff positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following changes in programs and staff positions are made effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year:

CHASE Program. Reduce the CHASE Grant - Creating Healthy & Active School Environments (CHASE Program) and the teacher positions for the elementary program by one (1) full time equivalency (1.0 F.T.E.).

The above Resolution having been read in its entirety, member Boelter, moved for its passage and adoption, member Garwood, seconded the same (signed Resolution attached). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

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

For: Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- K. Student Loan Forgiveness Program. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the partnership with the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESAs) and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. This program is available to ESU #1 staff and area school staff.
- L. Single Sign-On. Administrator Uhing provided information on the status of the Single Sign-On and its connection to ADVISER.
- M. Staff Contracts. The Board was provided a listing of the certified staff that will be offered contracts for 2017-18.
- N. Priority School Update. Administrator Uhing outlined the topics of discussion at the recent Santee School Board Retreat. Those in attendance included ESU #1 personnel, the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner and related NDE staff, along with the Santee Board and select staff.
- O. Administrative, Specialty, Professional & Licensed Contracts. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to approve the administrative, specialty, professional and licensed contract staff proposals for 2017-18 as presented. This includes the transition of Sarah Hansen from Specialty staff to Administrative staff as Assistant Special Education Director. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- P. Personnel. No changes to report at this time
- Q. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 14, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.

