

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**February 13, 2018**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, Chairman Dowling 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 Luxford, second by Messersmith, to excuse the absence of members Lana Oswald and Adrian (AJ) Johnson. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Messersmith, to approve the February 13, 2018 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Sorensen, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (January 9, 2018 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, February Bills of \$878,908.38 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

E. Public Comment. None

F. Audit Report. Motion by Heise, second by Messersmith, to accept the 2016-17 State Audit report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

G. Nebraska Association of School Board Dues. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards for the period of 4/1/18 to 3/31/19 at a discounted cost of \$735 (if paid by 4/1/18). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

- H. ESU #1 Construction Project. Administrator Heimann provided an update on the Central office renovation and remodel project.
- I. Laserfiche Contract with ESU #9. Motion by Garwood, second by Sorensen, to enter into an agreement with ESU #9 to host and maintain the data servers for Laserfiche on behalf of ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- J. Program and 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 2017-18 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 Reinert 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, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

- K. Legislation. Administrator Heimann provided an update on pending legislation that would have an effect on school districts and ESU's.
- L. Staff Contracts. Administrator Heimann and Special Education Director Clark provided information regarding the 2018-19 staffing needs based on school contracts.
- M. Administrative Contracts. Motion by Sorensen, second by Messersmith, to approve the 2018-19 pay and benefits as outlined for the Administrative staff: Bill Heimann, Stuart Clark, Lisa Salmon and Sarah Hansen. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

N. Personnel. Motion by Boelter, second by Messersmith to approve the following:

1. Administrator Heimann's recommendation to advertise for a technology position to provide support for PowerSchool, ADVISOR and additional database support.
2. Approve the request by Speech/Language Pathologist Kim Halle for a voluntary reduction in her 2018-19 contract from 148 days to 112 days.
3. Approve the following new hires:
  - Early Learning Connection Coordinator Erika Fink effective March 1, 2018.
  - Tower SPED Teacher Hannah Panko effective for the 2018-19 year (208 days)
  - School Psychologist Intern Hannah Fuchs effective for the 2018-19 year (190 days)
4. Accept the resignation of School Psychologist Caitlin Roussan effective with the end of the 2017-18 contract.

After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Classified staff changes reported to the Board:

**New Hires:**

- Tower Paraeducator Sonya Legate effective February 19, 2018
- Migrant Education Service Provider Myrian Jackson effective February 19, 2018
- Migrant Education Clerk Mirna Camarena effective February 19, 2018

O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.**