

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
January 8, 2008

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. The following members were present or absent:

Present: Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Kelly Ballinger, Joy Bock, Rod Garwood, Rich Higgins, Ronnie Wenstrand and Stan Copple. **Absent:** Wayne Goeden and Linda Steele

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. Chairman Dowling duly called the meeting to order.

A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, the Chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available at the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Bock, second by Boelter, to approve the January 8 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

C. Reorganization of the Board. Chairman Dowling asked that Administrator Uhing act as temporary Chair for the purpose of electing a chairman. Administrator Uhing asked for nomination from the floor for the position of chairman. Dave Dowling was nominated.

Motion by Garwood, second by Copple, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows.

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Chairman Dowling resumed the Chair and asked for nominations from the floor for Vice Chairman. Fred Boelter was nominated.

Motion by Garwood, second by Copple, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows.

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Chairman Dowling asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary. Ronnie Wenstrand was nominated.

Motion by Garwood, second by Ballinger, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows.

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Copple, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (December 11 Minutes; Financial Reports; January Bills of \$446,630.17 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- E. Public Comment. No Public Comment.

- F. Appoint Standing Committees. Motion by Boelter, second by Higgins, to approve the 2008 ESU #1 Board Standing Committees as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

2008 Board Standing Committees

Insurance ~ Kelly Ballinger, Wayne Goeden and Ron Wenstrand

Board Policy ~ Stan Copple, Dave Dowling and Linda Steele

Negotiations ~ Fred Boelter, Dave Dowling and Linda Steele

Buildings & Grounds ~ Rod Garwood, Rich Higgins and Ron Wenstrand

Legislative ~ Kelly Ballinger, Stan Copple and Rod Garwood

Mutual Concerns ~ Joy Bock, Wayne Goeden and Rich Higgins

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- G. Position Assignments. Motion by Higgins, second by Wenstrand, to approve the 2008 ESU #1 Position Assignments as listed. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Board Treasurer (Ex-Officio) ~ Stuart Clark to be paid \$1 annually

Recording Secretary ~ Lisa Salmon or Designee to be paid \$50 per meeting

Attorney of Record ~ Rex Schultze

Primary Depository ~ Iowa-Nebraska State Bank of Wakefield

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- H. Audit Report. Administrator Uhing distributed 2006-07 Audit Report with acceptance of report to be on February Agenda.

- I. Specialty Staff Contract Revisions. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the revision of specialty staff contracts related to health insurance for 2007-08 to comply with EHA Underwriting Guidelines. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- J. Staff Development/Technology Position. Motion by Garwood, second by Higgins, to approve the timeline presented by the Administration for hiring a Staff Developer/Technology employee. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- K. Central Office Entrance Roof Issue. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Copple, authorizing the Administrator to proceed with the roofline correction above the north entrance of the central office to alleviate snow/ice buildup. The contract is to be issued to A-Lert Roof Systems. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- L. Tower School Addition. Motion by Higgins, second by Ballinger, to authorize the administration to proceed with the Tower School addition as proposed by Gale Rasmussen of Sioux Contractors. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- M. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to move into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss Agenda Item L. (Administrative Evaluations and Contracts).

Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:29 p.m.

- N. Administrative Evaluations/Contracts. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger to extend the contract of Special Education Director Stuart Clark by one year with wage and benefits to be determined at a later date. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Motion by Higgins, second by Bock, to extend the contract of Office Manager Lisa Salmon for the 2008-09 year with wage and benefits to be determined at a later date. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Motion by Copple, second by Wenstrand, to extend the contract of Administrator Bob Uhing by one year with wage and benefits to be determined at a later date. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Ballinger, Wenstrand, Higgins, Bock, Copple, Dowling, Garwood, and Boelter
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- O. Personnel. Administrator Uhing informed the Board of the following Classified staff changes:

New Hire:

Cynthia Husmann ~ Paraeducator @ Tower School

Resignations:

Carly Salmon ~ Paraeducator @ Tower School

Bobbi Druyor ~ Paraeducator @ Tower School

- P. Adjournment. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Bock, to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m. Unanimous approval received.

Diane Keim, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, February 12 ESU #1