

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2011

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. Members participated via a conference call, due to the adverse weather conditions. The Central office was open to welcome any visitors to the meeting. The following members were present or absent.

Present: Steve Grube, Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins (5:55 p.m.), Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford and Kelly Ballinger.

Absent: None

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 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 Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to excuse the absence of members Rich Higgins. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Boelter, to approve the January 11, 2011, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0.

D. Reorganization of the Board. Chairman Dowling asked that Administrator Uhing act as temporary Chair for purpose of electing a Chairman. Administrator Uhing asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairman.

Motion by Garwood, second by Bock, that the current officers' terms be extended for 2011. Officers are:

Dave Dowling.....Chairman

Fred Boelter Vice-Chairman
Ronald Wenstrand... Secretary

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

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0.

- E. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (December 13, 2010 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, January Bills of \$540,718.55, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0.

- F. Public Comment. None

- G. Appoint Standing Committee. Motion by Dowling, second by Kirkholm, that the Standing Committees remain the same for 2011 (shown below) and substituting new members for the respective vacancies they filled. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Insurance Committee:	Wenstrand, Ballinger & Grube
Board Policy Committee:	Reinert, Dowling & Luxford
Negotiations Committee:	Boelter, Kirkholm & Dowling
Building & Grounds Committee:	Higgins, Garwood & Wenstrand
Legislative Committee:	Ballinger, Garwood & Reinert
Mutual Concerns:	Bock, Grube & Higgins

*Chairman Dowling is Ex-Officio Member of all Committees

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0.

- H. Position Appointments. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to approve the 2011 ESU #1 Position Assignments as listed and approve compensation outlined by Administrator Uhing for Board Treasurer (\$1/Annual) and Recording Secretary (\$50/Meeting). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Board Treasurer ~ Stuart Clark
Recording Secretary ~ Lisa Salmon
Attorney of Record ~ Rex Schultze
Primary Depository ~ Iowa-Nebraska State Bank

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0.

- I. Designate Newspaper of Record. Motion by Reinert, second by Bock, to name the newspapers listed below as the 2011 ESU #1 Newspapers of Record. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Wayne Herald, Cedar County News, Dakota County Star, Nebraska Journal Leader, Pender Times, Bloomfield Monitor and the Wakefield Republican.

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0.

J. Government Relations Network Representative. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to name Rodney Garwood as the ESU #1 Legislative Relations Network representative for 2011. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Ballinger.

Against: None; **Not Voting:** Garwood (Abstain); **Motion carried:** 9-0.

K. Water Softener/Filtering System Purchase. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the purchase of a water softener and water filtering system from Ellis Plumbing and Heating at a total cost of \$2,869.86. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0.

L. Audit Report. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to accept the 2009-10 Audit Report as presented. After discussion, Dowling and Boelter rescinded their motion and second respectively and the Audit Report will appear on the February 8, agenda.

M. ESU #1 & #8 Advisory Council Meeting. Administrator Uhing summarized the discussions held at the cooperative Advisory Council meeting.

N. Administrator's Evaluation. Chairman Dowling asked that Agenda Item N. (Administrator's Evaluation) be Tabled until the February 8, 2011 meeting.

Member Rich Higgins joined the meeting.

O. Negotiations. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to recognize the ESU #1 Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the certified staff. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger. **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0

P. Personnel. The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes:

Pam Ewing (Winnebago Paraeducator) ~ New Hire ~ Effective 1-4-11

Andrea Minor (Winnebago Paraeducator) ~ New Hire ~ Effective 12-6-10

Amanda Braun (Tower BD Paraeducator) ~ New Hire ~ Effective 12-13-10

Cynthia Alton (Winnebago Paraeducator) ~ Release ~ Effective 12-22-10

Q. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, February 8, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.