

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2012**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Kelly Ballinger and Rich Higgins

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, 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 Reinert, to excuse the absence of members Rich Higgins and Kelly Ballinger. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the January 10, 2012, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

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.

Motion by Garwood, second by Kirkholm, that the terms for the current board officers, appointed standing committee members, and appointed position assignments be extended for 2012.

Board Officers: **Chairman**..... Dave Dowling
 Vice-Chairman Fred Boelter
 Secretary..... Ronald Wenstrand

Standing Committees: **Insurance:**..... Wenstrand, Ballinger & Grube
 Board Policy: Reinert, Dowling & Luxford
 Negotiations: Boelter, Kirkholm & Dowling
 Building & Ground: Higgins, Garwood & Wenstrand
 Legislative: Ballinger, Garwood & Reinert
 Mutual Concerns:..... Bock, Grube & Higgins

*Chairman Dowling is Ex-Officio Member of all Committees

Position Assignments: **Ex-Officio Treasurer:** Stuart Clark
 Recording Secretary:..... Lisa Salmon
 Attorney of Record: Rex Schultze
 Primary Depository:..... Iowa-Nebraska State Bank

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

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

- E. Consent Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Kirkholm, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (December 11, 2011 Minutes ~ corrected attendance at meeting by deleting Nancy Kirkholm's name from the list of members present; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, January Bills of \$547,963.79, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

- F. Public Comment. None

- G. Appoint Standing Committee. Motion completed in conjunction with Agenda Item D.

- H. Position Appointments. Motion completed in conjunction with Agenda Item D.

- I. Designate Newspaper of Record. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to name the newspapers listed below as the 2012 ESU #1 Newspapers of Record.

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

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

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

- J. Government Relations Network Representative. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to name Rodney Garwood as the ESU #1 Legislative Relations Network representative for 2012. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Kirkholm; **Against:** None;
Not Voting: Garwood (Abstain); **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- K. Technology Bonding Meeting. Board unanimously agreed that Administrator Uhing proceed with a plan to assist in the coordination of activities for school districts within ESU #1 related to technology infrastructure funding. ESU's #1, 5, & 8 are working with Attorney Jim Gessford who will present the funding models available in state law related to technology.

- L. Audit Report. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to accept the 2010-11 Audit Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

- M. Long Range Budget Plan. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Garwood, to approve the Long Range Budget Plan as presented by Administrator Uhing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Kirkholm; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- N. Leave of Absence Language. Motion by Garwood, second by Bock, to accept the revised Leave of Absence Language presented as it related to ESU #1's Life and/or LTD Joinder Agreements with Madison National Life. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Kirkholm; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- O. ESU #1 & #8 Joint Advisory Council Meeting. Administrator Uhing summarized the agenda and discussion that took place at the joint December 16, meeting held in Norfolk.
- P. Negotiations. Motion by Boelter, second by Grube, 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, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Kirkholm; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- Q. Administrator's Evaluation. Motion by Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to extend Administrator Uhing's contract by one year and salary and benefits will be determined at a later date. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Kirkholm; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- R. Personnel. No personnel changes to report at this meeting.
- S. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, February 14, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m. (Central Office)