

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**January 14, 2014**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** 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. Notification of Open Meetings Law

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 Bock, second by Kirkholm, to excuse the absence of member Rich Higgins. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Dowling, second by Heise, to approve the January 14, 2014, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

D. Reorganization of the Board. Administrator Uhing was appointed to lead the meeting through the nomination of Board officers. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, that the terms for the current board officers remain the same for 2014. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

**Board Officers:**

<b>Chairman</b> .....	Dave Dowling
<b>Vice-Chairman</b> .....	Fred Boelter
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Ronald Wenstrand

Board members completed the Oath of Office and signed the Code of Ethics as presented at the meeting. A copy will be retained in the file.

E. Consent Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Kirkholm, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (December 9, 2013 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer’s Report, January 15 Bill Listing of \$598,749.91 and Administrator’s Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

F. Public Comment.

G. Appoint Standing Committees. Motion by Heise, second by Luxford, to approve the Standing Committees as presented.

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

\*Chairman Dowling is Ex-Officio Member of all Committees

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

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

H. Position Appointments. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, that the current position assignments remain the same for 2014.

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

I. Designate Newspaper of Record. Motion by Boelter, second by Johnson, to name the newspapers listed below as the 2014 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:** Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

J. Government Relations Network Representative. Motion by Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to name Rodney Garwood as the ESU #1 Legislative Relations Network representative for 2014. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

K. Audit Report. Administrator Uhing provided a summary of the contents from the 2012-13 Audit Report. The Board will review the document and be asked to accept the report at the February, 2014 meeting.

- L. ESU #1 Biannual Update. Special Education Director Clark gave a brief overview of the current and projected changes taking place in special education related to programs and staffing. Administrator Uhing also reviewed building upgrades that will need to be considered in the near future.
- M. Education Committee Minutes. Administrator Uhing shared the minutes from the most recent Legislative Education Committee's Executive session. They highlight topics that the committee wants drafted into legislation this session.
- N. ESU Executive Director Report. Administrator Uhing provided an overview of the areas of emphasis for NDE and the ESUCC this coming year (BlendED, Data and Teacher/Principal Evaluation).
- O. Administrator's Evaluation. Chairman Dowling noted that he had received the completed evaluation instrument from the Board and he discussed the results with Administrator Uhing. The Board was informed that if no action were taken by February 1, the Administrator's contract would automatically renew for an additional year. Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to amend the renewal date from February 1, to December 1 effective with the 2014-15 contract. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- P. Personnel. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Johnson, to approve an increase in the 2013-14 employment contract of ECSE Teacher Sara Ruwe from 95 days to 144 days effective December 9, 2013. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise.  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- Q. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.**