

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**January 10, 2017**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 Tower School in Wayne, Nebraska.

**Present:** Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford (arrived at 5:38), Rhonda Heise, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Helen Sorensen and Ronnie Wenstrand. **Absent:** 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: Denise Dowling, Rose Wenstrand, Deb Garwood, Lloyd Sorenson, Dennis Reinert, and Kristi Luxford (Landon and Leah)

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 Garwood, to excuse the absence of member Adrian (AJ) Johnson. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve the January 10, 2017 agenda as presented. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

D. Reorganization of the Board. Administrator Uhing was appointed to lead the meeting through the nomination of Board officers. Motion by Garwood, second by Sorensen, that the current board officers remain the same for 2017. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

**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.

Board member Tom Luxford arrived.

E. Consent Agenda. Motion by Heise, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (December 13, 2016 Regular & Special Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer’s Report, January Bills and adjustments totaling \$738,113.11 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.

F. Public Comment.

G. Employee of the Year. Administrator Uhing noted that the 2016 ESU #1 Employee of the Year was Sarah Hansen. Sarah has been employed by ESU #1 since 2010 and currently serves as the Special Education Consultant and supervises early childhood education staff, along with writing and supporting special education grant activities. She and her husband Scott will join the Board after the meeting.

H. Appoint Standing Committees. A draft of the proposed Standing Committees for 2017 was presented. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the committees 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.

- Insurance Committee – Ron Wenstrand, Rhonda Heise & AJ Johnson
- Board Policy Committee – Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling & Tom Luxford
- Negotiations Committee – Fred Boelter, Helen Sorensen & Dave Dowling
- Building & Grounds Committee – Rhonda Heise, Rod Garwood & Ron Wenstrand
- Legislative Committee – Rhonda Heise, Rod Garwood & Sally Reinert
- Mutual Concerns – TBD, AJ Johnson & Jeff Messersmith

*\*\*Chairman Dowling serves as an Ex-Officio member of all committees*

I. Position Appointments. Motion by Garwood, second by Sorensen, that the current position assignments remain the same for 2017. 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.

**Position Assignments:**

- Ex-Officio Treasurer:** ..... Stuart Clark (\$1/Annual)
- Recording Secretary:** ..... Lisa Salmon (\$50/Meeting)
- Attorney of Record:** ..... Rex Schultze
- Primary Depository:** ..... Iowa-Nebraska State Bank

J. Designate Newspaper of Record. Motion by Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to name the newspapers listed below as the 2017 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:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

K. Government Relations Network Representative. Motion by Dowling, second by Luxford, to name Rodney Garwood as the ESU #1 Legislative Relations Network representative for 2017. 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.

- L. Audit Report. Motion by Boelter, second by Heise, to accept the 2015-16 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.
- M. Legislative Brochure. Administrator Uhing reviewed the legislative brochure that will be shared with state senators. The reverse side of the brochure can be personalized for use by each district. The template contains uniform talking points that include the areas of Early Childhood Education; College and Career Readiness; Mental Health & Behavior; and Infrastructure.
- N. Central Office Upgrades. Administrator Uhing gave an overview of the presentation by Jon Carlson, of Carlson West Povondra Architects, to the ESU #1 Administration and Board Building and Grounds Committee on January 9. A presentation to the full Board will be made at the February 14, meeting.
- O. Replacing Board Member. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to approve the selection of Lana Oswald to fill the vacancy of Election District #6, previously held by Joy Bock. 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.
- P. ESU #1 Action Plan. Administrator Uhing distributed the ESU #1 Action Plan devised for the upcoming AdvancEd visit scheduled for March 2017. The Board was asked to review the document.
- Q. Personnel. The ESU #1 Board was informed of the Classified staff change noted below.  
**New Hires:** Korrine Hall, part-time tutor for Migrant Education Program at Norfolk Public Schools
- R. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, February 14, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.**