

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**June 13, 2017**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Sally Reinert, Helen Sorensen, Lana Oswald and Ronnie Wenstrand. **Absent:** Rhonda Heise

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: Bill Heimann

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 Dowling, second by Boelter, to excuse the absence of member Rhonda Heise. After discussion and on roll call vote, Board voted as follows:

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Sorensen, to approve the June 13, 2017 agenda as presented. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (May 9, 2017 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, June Bills totaling \$979,693.25 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

E. Public Comment. None

F. Priority School Report. Administrator Uhing reported that Santee has hired Kari Garwood-Daniels as Superintendent of Santee Public Schools. Additional teaching staff will be hired as well throughout the summer and into the next school year.

G. Payment of June Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Johnson, to approve payment of usual/ordinary bills required to close grants ending June 30. A complete listing of the bills will be presented at the July meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows.

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

H. Central Office Addition. Administrator Uhing reported that the bids for the project were sent out June 6 and the bid opening will occur on Thursday, July 6, at 2:00 p.m. A pre-bid conference will be held at the Central office on June 23 at 10:00 a.m., hosted by Architect Jon Carlson. Action on the bids received will take place at the July 11, 2017 Board meeting. The original building plan has been amended and the addition will be reduced by approximately 7' to eliminate the need for a sprinkler system.

I. Grant Contracts. Motion by Boelter, second by Messersmith, to approve the Grant Director Agreements with ESU #2 for the Carol White PEP Grant (\$40,200) and the Demonstration Grant for Indian Children (\$40,200) as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

J. Tax Reform Resolution. Motion by Garwood, second by Johnson, to adopt the Resolution supporting the principles of *Nebraskans United for Property Tax Reform and Education*. The Resolution is an attachment to these minutes and will be considered part of the minutes as though contained herein. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

K. E-Rate Filing. Administrator Uhing shared the 2017 E-rate filing information for ESU #1 and participating school districts. The total savings is estimated to be \$482,489.78.

L. Mental/Behavioral Health. Administrator Uhing shared information related to school based mental health services. ESU #1 has developed, and proposing, a structure based on information from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). This will be a topic of conversation at the regional NNNC meeting with administrators and special education directors.

M. Budget Parameters. Initial draft of the 2017-18 Budget was presented and reviewed by Administrator Uhing.

N. Administrator Transition. Motion by Messersmith, second by Luxford, to approve the updated Authorized Signature list for all financial accounts of ESU #1, including access to safety deposit box, and individuals authorized to obtain information related to accounts. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

O. Personnel. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve the release of School Psychologist Kristine Buckley from her 2017-18 contract and to hire Speech/Language Pathologist Kerri Mohnsen for the 2017-18 school year (185 days). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

In a separate motion by Reinert, second by Boelter, to approve the payment of unused Vacation Leave to Administrator Bob Uhing upon completion of his 2016-17 contract. The number of days is projected to be 10. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Luxford, Reinert, Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson and Oswald; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, July 11, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.**