

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**March 13, 2007**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. The following members were present or absent:

**Present:** Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Kelly Ballinger, Rod Garwood, Wayne Goeden, Linda Steele, Ronnie Wenstrand, and Stan Copple. **Absent:** Joy Bock 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

- I. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was duly called to order.
- A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting  
At the beginning of this meeting, the Chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the entryway of the meeting room.
- B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Steele, second by Copple, to approve the March 13, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0
- C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Steele, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (February 13, Minutes; Financial Reports; March Bills of \$537,558.36 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0
- D. Tower School Remodeling. Administrator Uhing and Special Education Director Stuart Clark presented information related to the space vs. student caseload at Tower School and future projections. Due to additional information, this agenda item will appear on the April agenda for further discussion and possible action.
- E. Van Delivery Contract. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the Administrative recommendation to approve the independent service provider agreement with Mardell Phipps for the van delivery service at a rate of \$1.25 per mile for the 2007-08 academic year. In addition, the delivery service to school districts will be reduced from weekly to bimonthly delivery. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwood, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

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- F. Verification of Successful Teaching. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger, to verify the successful teaching for the following ESU #1 staff for the purpose of certificate renewal as required by NDE: Sheila Baker, Peg Roush, Kim Halle, Carol McGuire, Stuart Clark, Marylyn Muecke, Sheila Jensen. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwod, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- G. Core Service Projections. Administrator Uhing reported that the Core Service projections for 2007-08 are not yet available from NDE. This information will be presented at the April meeting.

- H. School Wellness Policy. Motion by Boelter, second by Steele, to approve the School Wellness Policy update as presented (Attachment A). **Attachment A** will be considered part of the March 13, minutes as though contained herein. This is the second reading of the required two for passage to board policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwod, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- I. Interlocal Agreement Project. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on the new Interlocal Agreement Project which will be brought before the Board at a later date.

- J. Tax Sheltered Annuities. Administrator Uhing and Office Manager Salmon presented information related to the ESU #1 403(b) plan. A proposed administrative policy was distributed to the Board for review.

- K. NNNC Interlocal Agreement. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Copple, to approve the NNNC Interlocal Agreement for the period beginning April 1, 2007 thru March 31, 2010. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwod, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- L. Legislative Committee Nomination. ESU #1 Board members declined the opportunity to have their name placed on the ballot for Legislation Committee Member #17 representing ESUs.

- M. Personnel.

Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the resignation of Speech Language Pathologist Adrienne Timm, Early Childhood Teacher Kathy Elston, and Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Marylyn Muecke at the conclusion of academic year 2006-07. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwod, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Motion by Steele, second by Ballinger, to approve the voluntary reduction in contract requests for Colleen Chase from 1.00 FTE to .60 FTE and Stephanie Kanaly from 1.00 FTE to .60 FTE effective in 2007-08. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwod, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Motion by Boelter, second by Steele, to approve the issuance of the 2007-08 contracts for the certified, specialty and licensed staff as presented, including the addendum related to salary, benefits, and language modification. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Goeden, Steele, Copple, Garwod, Wenstrand, Boelter, Dowling and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- N. Adjourn. Motion by Ballinger, second by Copple, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Unanimous approval received.

*Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary*

*Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary*

**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, April 10 2007 @ ESU #1**

**N. WELLNESS POLICY** (11/14/06 ~ Amended 3/13/07)

A mission of ESU #1 Tower School is to provide curriculum, instruction, and experiences in a health-promoting school environment to instill habits of lifelong learning and health. Therefore, the Board adopts the following School Wellness Policy.

**1. Goals to Promote Student Wellness**

Tower School has established the following student wellness goals that are designed to promote student wellness in a manner that Tower School determines to be appropriate:

- a. Nutrition Education. To implement a curriculum that meets or exceeds the health and nutrition education objectives established by the Nebraska Department of Education.
- b. Physical Activity. To implement a curriculum that meets or exceeds the health and physical education objectives established by the Nebraska Department of Education.
- c. Other School Activities. To offer other suitable opportunities for students to engage in health-promoting activities.

The ESU #1 Administrator or designee shall establish such further goals as are determined appropriate to meet the stated mission.

**2. Nutrition Guidelines**

Nutrition guidelines have been selected by Tower School for all foods available during the school day with the objective of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity. The guidelines are as follows: (1) school lunch programs will be offered which meet or exceed the requirements of federal and state law and regulatory authorities and (2) no foods in competition with the school lunch program shall be sold or otherwise made available to students anywhere on school premises during the period of one-half hour prior to the serving period for lunch and lasting until one-half hour after the serving and lunch. The ESU #1 Administrator or designee shall establish such further nutrition guidelines as are determined appropriate to meet the stated mission.

**3. Assurance for Reimbursable School Meals**

Tower School gives the assurance that the school's guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 10 of the Child Nutrition Act (42 U.S.C. 1779) and sections 9(f)(1) and 17(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(f)(1), 1766(a)), as those regulations and guidance apply to the District.

**4. Plan for Measuring Implementation and Designation of Responsible Persons**

The ESU #1 Administrator or designee is charged with operational responsibility for ensuring that the school meets the Wellness Policy. The ESU #1 Administrator or designee shall measure implementation of the Wellness Policy by conducting periodic reviews or receiving periodic reports.

Due to the unique nature of Tower School, it is understood that all students have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), which provides the basis for the wellness policy guidelines.

**5. Development of Policy**

Tower School assures that development of the Wellness Policy involved parents, students, representatives of the school's nutrition services department, the ESU #1 board, ESU #1 administrators, and the public.