

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2008

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Wayne Goeden, Linda Steele, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Kelly Ballinger and Stan Copple

Absent: None

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: Rex Holtze and Gale Rasmussen of Sioux Contractors and Tami Mullenix of FEH Associates, Inc. (Architectural Firm)

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 available at the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Steele, second by Ballinger, to approve the March 11, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (February 12, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, March Bills of \$509,666.77, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

D. Public Comment. No Public Comment.

E. Tower School Final Plans. Presentation by Sioux Contractors and FEH Associates representative related to the proposed remodeling plan at Tower School.

Motion by Garwood, second by Ballinger, to adopt the plans/specifications as presented by Sioux Contractors (including an additional door and cement work for the S/P addition); the budget of \$255,700; the architectural contract with FEH; and authorize the administration to advertise the Letting of Bids as required. In addition, the Board approved the additional

bills presented that includes a percentage of the FEH contract; and the dates of April 2, for receipt of bids and a Hearing on April 8, to approve/reject bids. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

- F. Van Delivery Contract. Motion by Boelter, second by Steele to approve an Independent Contract with Donna Nelson for van delivery service at a rate of \$1.35/mile for academic year 2008-09. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

- G. 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: Heather Barron-Galvan, Roberta Mehrer, Leah Moritz, Kim Halle, Andrea Janzen, Carol McGuire, Cathy Schroeder, Stacey Richart and Stuart Clark. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

- H. Statewide RUS Grant. Motion by Copple, second by Higgins, to approve the resubmission of the RUS Grant by ESU #1 as well as the secondary statewide RUS grant for video streaming equipment. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

- I. 403(b) Compliance Document. Administrator Uhing provided the Board with a timeline of activities that will be required in order for ESU #1 to become compliant with the federal 403(b) regulations.

- J. NJUMP Participation Agreement. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve the NJUMP Participation Agreement as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

- K. Administrative Contracts. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the package percentage increases to Administrative contracts for Bob Uhing, Stuart Clark and Lisa Salmon as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

L. Negotiations. Board reviewed EHA plan for 2008-09 and authorized Administrator Uhing to meet with the ESU #1 certified staff representatives to discuss a revised proposal for health insurance premiums based on the new Four-Tier plan.

M. Personnel. Motion by Steele, second by Garwood, to approve the 2008-09 contract with Chris Good, Staff Development/Technology (220 days ~ \$50,000). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

Motion by Wenstrand, second by Higgins, to accept with regret the retirement of Colleen Chase, Communication Aide, at the end of academic year 2007-08. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

Motion by Wenstrand, second by Garwood, to approve the listing of 2008-09 Certified contracts as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Copple, Steele, Goeden, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 10-0

N. Adjourn. Motion by Higgins, second by Goeden, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Unanimous approval received.

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting @ ESU #1 (Wakefield)
Tuesday, April 8, 2008**