

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**March 12, 2013**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. Due to the weather, some Board members participated by conference call.

**Present:** Rhonda Heise and Ronnie Wenstrand; **Participating via Conference Call:** Joy Bock, Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter and Tom Luxford (5:42 p.m.). **Absent:** Rod Garwood & 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. 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 Boelter, second by Reinert, to excuse the absence of members Rod Garwood and Rich Higgins. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Grube, to approve the March 12, 2013, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Bock, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (February 12, 2013 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, March Bills of \$584,983.32 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

E. Public Comment. None

F. NNNC Cooperative Agreement. Motion by Reinert, second by Kirkholm, to approve the Northeast Nebraska Network Cooperative (NNNC) Agreement for the term of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2016. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- G. Verification of Successful Teaching. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to verify the successful teaching of the following ESU #1 employees, whose teaching certificates expire in 2013: Andrea Janzen, Cheri Matthews, Stacey Richart, Melissa Hennings, Joni Foster McFee, Molly Mitchell, David Hulac, Stephanie Jensen, Alecia Heimes, Rachel Kerby, Tanya Partridge, Amber Paulson and Crystal Elliott. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- H. Health Insurance Benefit. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve offering the \$1,650/\$750 Dual Option EHA Plan for the 2013-14 academic year. In addition, the Administration is authorized to redistribute a portion of the classified staff Non-Index wage as a Cash Benefit. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

Motion by Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to name Administrator Uhing as the Board's representative to meet with the ESU #1 Negotiation Team for discussion and approval of the EHA Optional Open Enrollment for the 2013-14 Contract and School Year. Administrator Uhing is also authorized to sign the EHA Affidavit on behalf of the Board. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- I. Coop Purchasing Building Rental. Motion by Grube, second by Reinert, to enter into an agreement with Central Valley Agriculture (CVA) for the rental of a building to serve as a warehouse for the delivery, storage and distribution of supplies and equipment through the Cooperative Purchase program at a cost of \$800 per month for up to four months. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- J. Technology School Support. Administrator Uhing shared information with the Board regarding a potential new service for the 2013-14 school year. The service would provide technology support and management of local technology networks to contracting districts, via an ESU #1 employee.

- K. Marzano Trainings. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve the two contracts with Marzano Research Laboratory (MRL) for school administrative trainings at an approximate cost of \$19,500. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Boelter; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

Board member Tom Luxford joined the meeting via conference call.

- L. Staff Contracts. A list of 2013-14 ESU #1 Certified Staff was presented to the Board.

- M. Negotiations. Motion by Heise, second by Boelter, to approve the 2013-14 contracts for the following staff members: Special Education Consultant Sarah Hansen, Technology LAN Manager Ryan Stansberry, Communication Technology Specialist Scott McIntosh, EC Regional PD Coordinator Susan Strahm and School Nurse Arianne Conley. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

- N. Personnel. Motion by Dowling, second by Grube, to approve the resignation of School Psychologist Stephanie Jensen. After discussion and roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Wenstrand, Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

Classified Staff Changes: Resignation of EDN Coordinator Brenda Goodier effective March 1, 2013

- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 9, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.**