

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2011

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. Members participated via a conference call, due to the adverse weather conditions. The Central office was open to welcome any visitors to the meeting. The following members were present or absent.

Present: Steve Grube, Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford and Kelly Ballinger. **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: 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. All members were present.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Boelter, to approve the March 8, 2011, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (February 8, 2011 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, March Bills of \$497,213.47, Additional Bills of \$3,673.88 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.

E. Public Comment. None

F. ESU #1 AdvancEd Update. Administrator Uhing provided a brief update as to where ESU #1 is at in the process of applying for and obtaining AdvancEd accreditation.

- G. Paperless Board Meeting. After discussion, it was determined that Agenda Item G (Paperless Board Meeting) would be Tabled until the April meeting.
- H. Verification of Successful Teaching. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to verify the teaching experience of the following individuals for the purpose of certification renewal:
Pam Barnes, Joni Foster-McFee, Jeanne Hill, Patty Kann, Ron Lorenzen, Jennifer Pattee, Mike Scheuring, Haley Schmidt, Tina Sharpe, Billie Sitzmann, Wendy Sudbeck and Bob Uhing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.
- I. Tuition Assistance. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve Administrator Uhing's recommendation of 50% reimbursement for the Speech/Language Therapy Tuition Assistance Program effective May 1, 2011, for employees beginning in the program. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.
- J. Email System/Software Update. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the Proofpoint license renewal at a cost of \$5,000/year for 3 years and Zimbra e-mail software/support for ESU #1 districts at an approximate cost of \$16,945 the first year and \$4,393 for each of the following two years. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.
- K. RUS Grant Equipment Upgrades. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the Dascom proposal for \$52,966 (\$27,068.50 to be paid by the RUS grant). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.
- L. Staff Contracts. The Board received a listing of Certified, Core, Technology, Licensed and other Professional staff who will be offered a contract in 2011-12.
- M. Negotiations. Administrator Uhing informed the Board that the administration and negotiation team met on March 3 and another meeting is scheduled for March 25.
- N. Personnel. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to approve the following resignations, with regret: Staff Developer Shannon Collin, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher Peggy Nelson, School Psychologist Jessica Radford and Speech/Language Pathologist Patty Kann. All resignations will be effective at the end of their 2010-11 contract. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.

Classified Staff Changes:

Molly Kitson (Tower BD Paraeducator) ~ New Hire ~ Effective 2-28-11

- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Salmon".

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 12, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.