

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2012

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Ronnie Wenstrand, and Kelly Ballinger (arrived at 5:50 p.m.). **Absent:** Rich Higgins, Tom Luxford, Fred Boelter and Rodney Garwood

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 Reinert, second by Grube, to excuse the absence of members Fred Boelter, Rich Higgins, Tom Luxford and Rodney Garwood. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Wenstrand; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Bock, to approve the March 13, 2012, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Wenstrand; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (February 14, 2012 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, March Bills of \$532,776.79, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Wenstrand; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

- E. Public Comment. None
- F. NWEA Map Proposal. Administrator Uhing presented the new partnership outline between NWEA and the Nebraska ESU System. ESU #1 Staff Developers will be trained and provide training to school districts.
- G. Technology Bond Meeting. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on the number of schools that participated in the Technology Bond meeting. ESU #1 will continue to work with districts to coordinate the activity.
- H. Verification of Successful Teaching. Motion by Grube, second by Kirkholm to approve the successful teaching for the following ESU #1 staff members for certification renewal:
 - Communication Teacher ~ Colleen Chase
 - ECSE Teacher ~ Lynn Sullivan
 - Psychologists ~ Ron Lorenzen, Nicole Swain, Annie Stachowitz and Karen Wall
 - Sp/Lg Pathologists ~ Nicole Bacan, Wendy Consoli and Julie Pacquette
 - Speech Technicians ~ Joni Foster-McFee, Jenna McAfee and Molly Mitchell

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, and Wenstrand; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

- I. Media Materials. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the Media resource/tool proposal and is recommending Learn 360 based on a local survey conducted and pricing. A formal decision will need to be made when the annual I-Mat contract is received.
- J. Staff Contracts. Administrator Uhing presented a listing of ESU #1 staff for the 2012-13 academic year.
- K. Negotiations. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on the Certified negotiation process and presented recommendations for the 2012-13 Staff Development, Technology, and PT/OT staff contracts.

Motion by Ballinger, second by Grube, to approve the 2012-13 recommended package increase for Staff Development, Technology and PT/OT staff. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

- L. Executive Session. No agenda item to discuss.
- M. Personnel. Motion by Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Occupational Therapist Angela Wortman and the retirement of ECSE Teacher Leah Merkwon at end of their 2011-12 contract. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes:
New Hire ~ EDN Coordinator Brenda Goodier effective 2-14-12 and Winnebago
Paraeducators Christine Blevins and Thelma Rice effective 2-27-12.

- N. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 10, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m. (Central Office)