

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**March 11, 2014**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, and Rod Garwood. **Absent:** Rich Higgins, Nancy Kirkholm, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise

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. Notification of Open Meetings Law

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 Garwood, second by Boelter, to excuse the absence of Rich Higgins, Nancy Kirkholm, Rhonda Heise and Tom Luxford. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve the March 11, 2014, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (February 11, 2014 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, March 15, Bill Listing of \$600,901.17 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Grant Process Update. Administrator Uhing provided information related to the 22 grants and consortium projects managed by ESU #1.

G. Verification of Successful Teaching. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to verify the successful teaching of the following ESU #1 employees, whose teaching certificates expire in 2014: Sheila Becker, Jennifer Bensen, Kayla Brown, Stuart Clark, Nancy Dean, Karla Drotzmann, Jessica Fischer, Joni Foster-McFee, Kimberley Halle, Chantelle Hoffman, Stephanie Kanaly, Jenna McAfee, Patricia McGlone, Carol

McGuire, Anita Muller, Desiree Rose, Molly Stenger and Susan Strahm. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- H. Energy Audit. Administrator Uhing notified the Board that he had signed a contract for \$2,000 with Navitas to complete the energy audit for ESU #1. He also noted that Black Hills Energy, Mid-American Energy and Nebraska Public Power District declined ESU #1's request to conduct an audit when contacted. A report should be available by the April meeting.
- I. Co-op Purchase Update. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on the new ESM software contract through ESUCC as it relates to the Co-op Purchase project and the ongoing negotiations between ESM and the ESUCC to provide the service at the most economical price.
- J. Native American Consortium. Motion by Garwood, second by Johnson, to approve the Native American Consortium Memorandum of Understanding as presented by Administrator Uhing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- K. April Board Meeting. Motion by Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to move the April 2014 Board meeting to the third Tuesday (April 15), due to the absence of Administrator Uhing during that time period. In addition, the Board authorizes the release of checks prior to the meeting date in order to prevent late charges or past due invoices. A complete listing will be provided to the Board at the meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- L. Negotiations. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the 2014-15 salary recommendations made by Administrator Uhing for the following staff members: Jim Hopkins, Scott McIntosh, Ryan Stansberry, Sarah Hansen, Arianne Conley, Susan Strahm, Angela Hansen, Chris Hanson-Harder, Laurie Smith, Staci Fethkenher and Kristine Kleve. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- M. Personnel. Administrator Uhing informed the Board that Kelli Colvard has been hired as a Paraeducator at Tower School, effective March 5, 2014.

- N. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 15, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.**