

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**May 8, 2007**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, May 9, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. The following members were present or absent:

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

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.

- I. 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 Vice Chairman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the entryway of the meeting room.
  
- B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Steele, second by Bock, to approve the April 10, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0
  
- C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Copple, second by Higgins, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (April 10, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, May Bills of \$535,110.94, plus \$22,245.49 for April additional bills, and \$5,000 for the RUS grant writer, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0
  
- D. Annual Service & Personnel Surveys. The results from the 2006-07 Annual Service and Personnel Survey were shared with the Board.
  
- E. Funding School Projects. Motion by Higgins, second by Copple, to approve the SRS Project payment on behalf of the ESU #1 schools districts for the period of July 2007 through June 2008 at a cost of \$13,761. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0  
  
Motion by Steele, second by Boelter, to approve the expenditure of \$26,474 for an upgrade of the distance learning equipment and switch. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:  
  
**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0

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- F. Tower School Nursing Contract. Motion by Ballinger, second by Bock, to approve the 2007-08 nursing contract with St. Luke's Occupational Health Service of Sioux City, Iowa for Tower School at a rate of \$36/hour. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger

**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0

- G. Military and Family Military Leave Policy. Motion by Copple, second by Steele, to approve the Military and Family Leave Policy as presented. This is the first reading of the required two for passage to board policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger

**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0

- H. Negotiations. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on the certified negotiation process.

- I. Personnel.

Motion by Steele, second by Higgins, to approve the voluntary reduction in contract request by Lanita Recob for academic year 2007-08 from 220 days to 212 days. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger

**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0

Motion by Steele, second by Bock, to approve the 2007-08 contract with Jennifer Bruckner, Tower School BD Teacher for 208 days. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger

**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0

Motion by Higgins, second by Ballinger, to accept, the resignation of School Psychologist Stacie Hardy at the conclusion of academic year 2006-07. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Boelter and Ballinger

**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 6-0

- J. Adjourn. Motion by Higgins, second by Copple, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Unanimous approval received.

*Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary*

*Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary*

**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, June 12 2007 @ ESU #1**

## **Military and Family Military Leave Policy**

Military leave and family military leave will be granted to the extent required by state and federal law.

Employees must notify the ESU #1 Administrator as soon as they receive notification of activation.

Employees will attach a copy of their orders to a district leave request form when they prepare the request for military leave.

Employees requesting to take family military leave must notify the administrator at least 14 days in advance of taking such a leave if the leave will be for 5 or more consecutive days, consult with their supervisor to schedule the leave so as to not unduly disrupt operations of the school, and for leaves of less than 5 days, notify the ESU #1 administrator of the leave request as soon as practical.