

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2017

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Rodney Garwood, Rhonda Heise, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Helen Sorensen, Lana Oswald and Ronnie Wenstrand. **Absent:** Tom Luxford and Sally Reinert.

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 Johnson, to excuse the absence of members Tom Luxford and Sally Reinert. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the May 9, 2017 agenda as presented. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Johnson, second by Garwood, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (April 11, 2017 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, May Bills totaling \$746,524.88 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

E. Public Comment. None

F. ESUCC Master Agreement. Motion by Garwood, second by Sorenson, to approve the 2017-18 ESUCC Master Agreement for all education initiatives, services and projects the ESUCC provides to ESU #1 for the 2017-18 fiscal year. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

- G. Service and Personnel Survey Response. Administrator Uhing outlined the Action Steps developed by ESU #1 staff in response to the recent survey and the timelines attached to each step.
- H. Priority School Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the hiring of a superintendent for Santee Community School.
- I. School Support Projects Revised. This agenda item is no longer relevant based on NDE's recent communication related to statewide assessments. NDE will be contracting with NWEA and funding MAP testing for districts, therefore, the School Support budget will remain as initially presented, with no modification for adding funds to cover MAP testing.
- J. Board Member Health Insurance. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to waive the Board's right to enroll in health and dental coverage through the ESU #1 EHA plan at the expense of individual Board members, effective September 1, 2017. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- K. NNNC Technology Budget. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the \$301,530 NNNC Technology Budget for 2017-18 as presented. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- L. SRS Fee Structure. Motion by Boelter, second by Heise, to support the full cost of the SRS fee for all ESU #1 school districts as presented, at an estimated cost of \$19,588 (Special Projects Budget). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- M. Additional April Expenditures. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve the additional April bill listing of \$29,693.99. The expenditure of additional funds was authorized at the April meeting to meet the requirements of several grants. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- N. PowerSchool Contract. Motion by Johnson, second by Sorenson, to approve the Independent Contract with Sharon VanCleave for PowerSchool services for 2017-18 at a rate of \$60 per hour. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- O. Transition Authorization. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Sorensen, to name Bill Heimann as the authorized agent on behalf of ESU #1, in place of retiring Administrator Bob Uhing, as permitted by Board Policy and as it relates to vendors, financial institutions, federal and state agencies and other contracting agencies. This will be effective with the transition of administrative duties on July 1, 2017. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

P. Native American Grant. Administrator Uhing informed the Board that the PEP Grant slated to end this year is being extended for another year and utilizing carryover funds to support the program. Due to this extension, the RIF action will be rescinded for employee Caleb Mattson and an employment contract will be issued for academic year 2017-18 (185 days)

Q. Negotiations. Motion by Messersmith, second by Sorensen, to approve the 2017-18 Classified staff proposal for paraeducators, central office, custodial, EDN and Migrant staff as presented. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

R. Personnel. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to accept the resignation of Tower School Teacher Logan McPhillips at the conclusion of his 2016-17 contract. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Sorensen, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Oswald and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

Classified Staff Change: Hired Winnebago Paraeducator Kelli Smith effective April 19, 2017

S. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, June 13, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.