

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2011

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. **NOTE:** The meeting was moved from November 8, to November 9, due to numerous conflicts with Board members' schedules.

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

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 Dowling, second by Garwood, to excuse the absence of members Rich Higgins, Tom Luxford and Kelly Ballinger. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve the November 9, 2011, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (October 11, 2011 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, November Bills of \$542,210.15, plus additional bills of \$7,681.53, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

E. Public Comment. None

F. AdvancED Accreditation. Administrator Uhing reported on the AdvancED Accreditation visit and provided the Board with the Commendations and Required Actions as presented by the AdvancED team. He noted that the Team was very complimentary of ESU #1.

- G. Distance Education Contract. Motion by Garwood, second by Kirkholm, to approve the 2011-12 ESU #1 Distance Education Contract as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0
- H. Tower Van Offer. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to accept the offer of \$6,750 by Forrest and Mona Kramer for the 2002 Ford van. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0
- I. Disaster Recovery System. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve a maximum of \$15,000 to purchase equipment for a Disaster Recovery System. Schools will be charged a fee based on the amount of electronic memory required to store their files. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0
- J. 2012 Mileage Rate. The IRS has not yet released the mileage rate for 2012.
- K. Election District Boundaries. Motion by Boelter, second by Bock, to adopt the ESU #1 Redistricting Resolution as presented. The Resolution is attached and should be considered part of the minutes as though contained herein. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0
- L. ESUCC Strategic Planning. Administrator Uhing presented the ESUCC strategic priorities as agreed upon at their recent meeting and include:
1. Fully develop ESU System 24/7 technologies learning infrastructure to meet the present and emerging needs of Nebraska's schools.
 2. Increase and improve the collaboration/working relationship with key stakeholders.
 3. Improve accountability and communication with/to each other and key stakeholders in the State.
 4. Improve ESUCC processes.
- M. Special Education Director's Evaluation. Administrator Uhing reviewed the evaluation of Special Education Director Stuart Clark.
- N. Administrator's Evaluation. Board members will submit an electronic evaluation to Chairman Dowling and review with Administrator Uhing in January.
- O. Personnel. The Board was informed of a Classified staff change: Exiting Staff ~ Winnebago Paraeducator Ashley Long.
- P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 13, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m. (Tower School)