

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2014

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

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

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 Heise, second by Reinert, to excuse the absence of member's Rich Higgins and Fred Boelter. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

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

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Heise, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (October 14, 2014 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, November Bills of \$735,141.42 and additional bills of \$14,830.73 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

E. Public Comment. None

F. ESU #1 Buildings Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the building/maintenance projects at both the Central office and Tower School. The final bill from Navitas (Central Office) is contained in the additional bill listing.

G. Native American Schools' Update. Administrator Uhing provided a summary of the recent meetings held with the Native American School's administration and the administrative transition at Macy. In addition, the

schools have requested that Diane Wolfe resubmit a federal grant application to address counseling services for at-risk students. ESU #1 will be the fiscal agent for the grant if it is approved.

- H. ESU #1 NeSA Results. Administrator Uhing shared the NeSA results from the ESU #1 area schools in reading, math and science. He also summarized how ESU #1 is addressing the districts' needs based on the NeSA results.
- I. Statewide Initiatives. The ESUCC and NDE are combining their efforts on the three statewide initiatives: BlendED, Data Dashboard and Teacher/Principal Evaluation. Both groups are seeking the continuation of lottery funds to support these initiatives.
- J. 2015 Mileage Rate. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to apply the Federal mileage rate as it becomes effective for the calculation of commuter and business miles for the calendar year 2015. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0
- K. Health Insurance Rates. EHA has released the 2015-16 health/dental rates and the increase is 1.9% for all tiers of coverage, which is significantly below the national cost increase. Administrator Uhing will meet with the staff negotiation team to determine where the funds earmarked for 2015-16 will be applied.
- L. Special Education Director's Evaluation. Administrator Uhing provided a summary of the Special Education Director's evaluation to the Board.
- M. Administrator's Evaluation. Administrator Uhing informed the Board that the evaluation instrument was in the Board packet and is to be returned to Chairman Dowling. In addition, he reminded the Board that his current contract states *"Effective on the 1st day of December of each year, this Contract shall be automatically extended for one additional year beyond the initial term."*
- N. Personnel. The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes ~
New Hires: Winnebago School Paraeducator Keirstin Appleton
- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 9, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m. ~ Tower School in Wayne