

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
November 8, 2016

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Vice-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 Reinert, second by Messersmith, to excuse the absence of members Dave Dowling and Helen Sorensen. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Heise, to approve the November 8, 2016 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (October 11, 2016 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, November Bills of \$804,848.69 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

E. Public Comment.

F. ESU # 1 Buildings Update. Administrator Uhing reported that A-Lert Roofing started the Tower School project on November 7, and it should be complete in a month (dependent upon the weather). The Tower parking lot project has been sent out for bid, with a bid letting date of November 14. The estimated price for the parking lot project is \$19,500.

G. ESU #1 School's NeSA Results. Administrator Uhing shared the NeSA results in reading, math, and science for the ESU #1 area schools. The data is tabulated and compared to previous years. This helps determine what staff development activities should be provided to school staff to assist in improving future scores.

- H. Statewide Initiatives. Administrator Uhing shared an Exhibit that outlined statewide initiatives in which NDE and the ESUCC are both collaborating. A lack of resources, both personnel and financial, is a major stumbling block to the continuation and completion of these initiatives.
- I. Tower Security Cameras and Lights. Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to approve the estimates for adding additional cameras at Tower School and retrofitting the fluorescent lights to LED lights for energy efficiency. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Heise and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- J. 2017 Mileage Rate. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to apply the federal mileage rate as it becomes effective for the calculation of commuter and business miles for the calendar year 2017. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Heise and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- K. Health Insurance Rates. The Board received a copy of the 2017-18 EHA Blue Cross & Blue Shield renewal rates. The increase is 7.99%, a rate significantly below the national average.
- L. Administrator's and SPED Director's Evaluation. The Board reviewed and discussed the Administrator's evaluation process and reviewed the Special Education Director's evaluation.
- M. Administrator's Application Process. Motion by Heise, second by Wenstrand, to approve the Administrator's Application Process as presented (November 28 ~ Board committee will review applications; December 6 & 7 ~ applicant interviews; December 13 ~ regular meeting). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Messersmith, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Heise and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- N. Personnel. The ESU #1 Board was informed of the following Classified staff change
New Hires: Tower School Paraeducator Michael Shoff, effective October 24, 2016
Resignations: Winnebago Paraeducator Cheryl Ickler effective October 21, 2016 and Tower School Paraeducator Elizabeth Klaus, effective October 31, 2016
- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Vice-Chairman Boelter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 13, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.