

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**October 8, 2013**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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: Darla Frank

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 Reinert, to excuse the absence of members Joy Bock, Rich Higgins, Rod Garwood and Nancy Kirkholm. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion Carried:** 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Boelter, to approve the October 8, 2013, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion Carried:** 7-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Heise, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (September 17, 2013 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$751,723.55 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion Carried:** 7-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Accreditation Progress Report. Administrator Uhing reported on the ESU #1 Agency Improvement effort. A short presentation was made and each Board member received a hard copy of the Progress Report submitted to AdvancED at the end of April. The next external visit for ESU #1 is scheduled for academic year 2016-17.

G. Additional September Expenditures. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to approve the September 19, listing of bills totaling \$18,101.72. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion Carried:** 7-0.

H. Co-op Information. Administrator Uhing informed the Board that ESU #1 districts would be given the option of direct ship and year-round ordering of Coop supplies/equipment. This is based on the recent information from the statewide project director Matt Blomenkamp. This will alleviate the need for ESU #1 to build a warehouse facility.

I. Nebraska Whole Child Project. Motion by Boelter, second by Johnson, to approve the Nebraska Whole Child Interlocal Agreement, which supports a statewide effort to improve student fitness, health, and wellness. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion Carried:** 7-0.

J. Negotiations. Motion by Boelter, second by Heise, to allow Administrator Uhing to take the lead on negotiations with the local association, by utilizing the same process as in the past and reporting to the Board on a monthly basis. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion Carried:** 7-0.

K. Career Academies. Administrator Uhing shared the current participation rate of school districts and students (47 schools and approximately 1,000 students) in the Career Academy Program and the classes being offered.

L. ESUCC Meeting. Administrator Uhing discussed the topics covered at the recent ESUCC meeting and shared the "standing positions" of the ESUCC related to Legislative Resolutions and funding for the upcoming year, along with additional areas the group may legislatively address (career education and reorganization of small rural districts and services). Administrator Uhing will keep the Board informed of any action endorsed by the ESUCC.

M. Personnel. Motion by Johnson, second by Wenstrand, to approve the increase in contract (20 days) for the following ESU #1 staff to meet the needs of a contracting district: Jessica Fischer, Melissa Hennings, Amanda Braun and Melissa LaPointe. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None;  
**Motion Carried:** 7-0.

N. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, November 12, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.**