

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2014

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Bock, to excuse the absence of member's Rodney Garwood, Rich Higgins and Nancy Kirkholm. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve the October 14, 2014, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Heise, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (September 16, 2014 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, October Bills of \$844,039.83 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. American Indian School Grant Report. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the Demonstration and PEP Grant Project Director contracts with ESU #2 and the Demonstration and Pep Grant Evaluator contract with Redwood Coast Consulting Services as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

- G. Additional September Expenditures. Motion by Dowling, second by Heise, to approve the expenditures of the September 29, 2014 bill listing that totaled \$8,950.20. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- H. Co-op Information. Administrator Uhing reported that a new Interim Co-op Coordinator has been appointed and a meeting was recently held with a Co-op Advisory Committee made up of representatives from ESU's and school districts. The purpose of the committee is to enhance and increase the level of communication with all stakeholders regarding issues and concerns related to the ESUCC Co-op Project.
- I. Life Insurance Benefit. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to retain the Paid Up Life component of the group life plan and approve the premium increase of \$.291/\$1,000 to .405/\$1,000 effective December 1, 2014. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- J. Central Office Storm Shelter. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the Kenton Brothers 5 Module Hide-Away storm shelter at an estimated cost of \$12,595. Installation is estimated at \$1,200. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- K. Blended Activities. A handout was distributed that outlined the Blended Learning Model. This model will be presented to the State Education Committee on October 15. The ESUCC is asking that current lottery funds being used for Distance Learning and terminating this year be reassigned to Blended activities.
- L. Career Academies. A listing of the 2013-14 school districts participating in the academy was provided. New academies are continuously being added and the program is quite successful, with a total of 49 school districts participating in 2013-14.
- M. ESUCC Meeting. Administrator Uhing provided a recap of the recent ESUCC meeting and the topics covered which included: coordination of technology, Co-op program, statewide goals, Data Dashboard, Blended and the teacher/principal evaluation model.
- N. Personnel. The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes ~
New Hires: Tower School Paraeducator Grace Fitzgerald & Winnebago Paraeducator Evan Hill
- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, November 11, 2014 @ 5:30 p.m.