

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
October 11, 2016**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to excuse the absence of member Rhonda Heise. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve the October 11, 2016 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (September 13, 2016 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, October Bills of \$803,161.92, and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Native American Schools Report. Administrator Uhing reported the Board on progress within the Native American Schools, specifically Santee. Information was also shared related to NDE's commitment to address the needs of the school districts and provide additional support to enhance the educational initiatives.

G. Additional September Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Sorenson, to approve the September 27, bill listing totaling \$11,096.75. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

H. Building Feasibility Study. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Messersmith, to approve the contract with Carlson West Povondra Architects as presented. The fee will be \$5,000, plus reimbursable expenses. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

I. Building & Grounds Committee Report. The committee of Ron Wenstrand, Jeff Messersmith and Rod Garwood shared information related to the proposed parking area at Tower School. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to proceed with the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee to add 9 parking spaces east of the current parking lot. Administrator Uhing is authorized to work with the contractors. The estimate is \$17,460 for concrete and labor and subgrade preparation. Additional dirt work, mobilization, erosion control, seeding, concrete removal, tree removal, etc. is not included in the estimate. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

J. AdvancED Accreditation. Administrator Uhing notified the Board that the AdvancED Accreditation visit is scheduled for March 19-22 and Michael Bugenski of Michigan will be the Chair.

K. ACT Test. ESU #1 is working to illustrate how John Baylor and the NWEA MAP Assessment scores of grades 5-10 align with ACT.

L. Cooperative Purchase Program. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the legal settlement reached between the previous program vendor ESM and the ESUCC.

M. Career Academy Program. The Board received information on the current participation rate of school districts and the Career Academy program. The program staff is working diligently to increase the number of students participating.

N. Karen Haase Workshops. ESU's statewide are sponsoring trainings by Attorney Karen Haase. ESU #1 has agreed to sponsor four trainings at a cost of \$1,000 per training.

O. Personnel. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to move into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. to discuss Agenda Item O. (Personnel). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

The Board returned to open session at 6:13 p.m.

Motion by Johnson, second by Sorenson to accept, with regret, Administrator Uhing's letter of intent to retire effective June 30, 2016,

The ESU #1 Board was informed of the following Classified staff change

New Hires: Winnebago Paraeducator Cheryl Ickler, effective October 3, 2016

P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Stuart Clark, Secretary Pro Tem

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, November 8, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.