

**ESU #1 Board Minutes**  
**Wakefield, NE 68784**  
**September 11, 2007**

### **INTERNET USAGE/SAFETY POLICY HEARING**

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 11, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield (Conference Room B). The purpose of the hearing was to review the current Internet Usage/Safety Policy and the application of said policy by ESU #1 for the 2007-08 school year and discuss, consider and receive input and suggested modifications to the Internet Usage/Safety Policy.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Linda Steele, Stan Copple, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter and Rod Garwood

**Absent:** Kelly Ballinger, Wayne Goeden and Ronnie Wenstrand

**Audience:** None

Hearing closed at 5:33 p.m. A meeting will be held immediately following all published hearings to take such action as the ESU #1 Board may deem appropriate.

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

### **STUDENT FEE POLICY HEARING**

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 11, 2007 at 5:35 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield (Conference Room B). The purpose of the hearing was to review the current Student Fee Policy and the application of said policy by ESU #1 for the 2007-08 school year and discuss, consider and receive input and suggested modifications to the Student Fee Policy.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Linda Steele, Stan Copple, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter and Rod Garwood

**Absent:** Kelly Ballinger, Wayne Goeden and Ronnie Wenstrand

**Audience:** None

Hearing closed at 5:37 p.m. A meeting will be held immediately following all published hearings to take such action as the ESU #1 Board may deem appropriate.

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### **BUDGET HEARING**

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 11, 2007 at 5:40 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield (Conference Room B). The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to the proposed General Fund Budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. Legal notice of the hearing date and time had been published and posted according to State statute.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Linda Steele, Stan Copple, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter and Rod Garwood

**Absent:** Kelly Ballinger, Wayne Goeden and Ronnie Wenstrand

**Audience:** None

Hearing closed at 5:45 p.m., with action to be taken on the proposed budget at the regularly scheduled meeting that will follow all published hearings.

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

### **HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST**

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 11, 2007 at 5:45 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield (Conference Room B). The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Legal notice of the hearing date and time had been published and posted according to State statute.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Linda Steele, Stan Copple, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter and Rod Garwood

**Absent:** Kelly Ballinger, Wayne Goeden and Ronnie Wenstrand

**Audience:** None

Hearing closed at 5:47 p.m. A meeting will be held immediately following all published hearings to take such action as the ESU #1 Board may deem appropriate.

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**September 11,2007**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 5:48 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska. The following members were present or absent:

**Present:** Joy Bock, Linda Steele, Stan Copple, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter and Rodney Garwood.  
**Absent:** Kelly Ballinger, Wayne Goeden and Ronald Wenstrand

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. The meeting was duly called to order.

A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, the Chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available at the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Steele, second by Boelter, to approve the September 11, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 14, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$416,716.44, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

D. Approve August 31 2007 Bills. Motion by Copple, second by Steele, to approve the August 31, 2007 listing of bills totaling \$149,772.40 (GF=\$63,375.20; Account Transfers=\$58,020.44; and Grants=\$28,376.76. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

E. Approve September Grant Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve a maximum of \$50,000 in expenditures required to close out grants ending September 30, with a listing of all bills to be presented at the October 9, meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- F. Annual Report. Motion by Garwood, and second by Copple, to accept the 2006-07 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- G. Internet Usage/Safety Policy. Motion by Higgins, and second by Steele, to approve the current Internet Usage/Safety Policy at ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- H. Student Fee Policy. Motion by Boelter, and second by Bock, to approve the current Student Fee Policy at ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- I. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching Initiative. Motion by Garwood, and second by Boelter, to approve the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching Initiative as presented by Administrator Uhing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- J. Adopt 2007-08 Budget. Motion by Higgins, and second by Copple, to adopt the 2007-08 Budget as published and presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- K. Property Tax Request. Motion by Garwood, and second by Steele, to approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
Setting the 2007-08 Property Tax Request**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601-02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the governing body of the Educational Service Unit #1 Board passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

**WHEREAS**, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Educational Service Unit #1 that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Body of Educational Service Unit #1, by a majority vote, resolves that:

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1. The 2007-08 property tax request be set at \$686,660 (**levy of 0.016088** ~ 0.015000 levy limit, plus .001088 for lid exceptions)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 10, 2007.

After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood

**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- L. ESU Election Districts. Chairman Dowling updated the Board on the ESU #1 Election District and will have a Draft Proposal available at the October meeting.
- M. Personnel. Motion by Garwood, second by Steele, to approve the 2007-08 At-Will Agreements for the following EDN Staff Members:

Melissa Munsen, EDN Coordinator, 138 Days, \$14,904

Barb Schroeder, EDN Coordinator, 166 Days, \$27,390

**For:** Bock, Steele, Copple, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter and Garwood

**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0

- N. Adjourn. Motion by Dowling, second by Higgins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Unanimous approval received.

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting: Tuesday,  
October 9, 2007**