

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**September 16, 2008**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Chairman 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 Boelter, second by Bock, to approve the September 16, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Copple, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 12, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$555,334.34, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Member Linda Steele arrived at 5:18 p.m.

D. Budget Parameters/1% Approval. Administrator Uhing reviewed the 2008-09 Budget proposal. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Garwood, to exceed the budget limit for fiscal year 2008-09 by an additional 1%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Copple; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- E. Distance Education Contracts. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the Distance Education contract between ESU #1 and member districts outlining line charges, participation fees and DL management; and a second contract between ESU #1 and #2 for Distance Education Coordination (Diane Wolfe). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Cople; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- F. Annual Report. Administrator Uhing distributed the 2007-08 Annual Report. Action by the Board to approve the report will be on the October agenda.

- G. ESU #1 403(b) Plan. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Higgins, to adopt the ESU #1 403(b) Plan as presented effective September 1, 2008. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Cople; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- H. Additional August Bills. Motion by Steele, second by Wenstrand, to approve the August 31, bill listing that totaled general fund expenses of \$38,032.32, grant expenses of \$3,151.78 and transfers of \$90,255.62. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Cople; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- I. Additional September Grant Bills. Motion by Cople, second by Boelter, to approve the expenditure of additional grant funds at the end of September to close out the fiscal year of specific grants and meet reporting requirements. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Cople; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- J. Teacher Substitute Pay. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the 2008-09 Teacher Substitute Rate of \$120 per day as recommended by the Administrator. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Cople; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Chairman Dowling suspended the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. to proceed with the advertised Budget Hearing and Notice of Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request.

Upon the conclusion of the advertised Budget Hearing and Hearing to Set Final Tax Request, the regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 5:38 p.m.

- K. Adopt 2008-09 Budget. Motion by Garwood, second by Steele, to adopt the 2008-09 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Cople; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- L. Property Tax Request. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve the following Resolution.

**RESOLUTION**  
**Setting the 2008-09 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:

1. The 2008-09 property tax request be set at \$744,151 (**levy of 0.0159985** ~ 0.015000 levy limit, plus .0009985 for lid exceptions)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 10, 2008.

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

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Cople;  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

- M. Articles 1 and 2 Board Policies. Administrator Uhing outlined the process and timelines for the revision of ESU #1 Board Policies in their entirety.

- N. Personnel. Motion by Garwood, second by Cople, to approve the 2008-09 Professional Services contract with Physical Therapist Kari Holden. After discussion and on roll all vote, the board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Cople; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

Motion by Steele, second by Higgins, to approve the 2008-09 EDN and central office custodian hourly rates as presented. After discussion and on roll all vote, the board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Steele, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Copple; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes:

**New Hire:**

Jean Kroger, Paraeducator at Winnebago Public School (8/22/08)

Matthew Menken, Paraeducator at Winnebago Public School (8/25/08)

Heidi Meyers, Paraeducator at Tower School (8/15/08)

Judy Murtaugh, Paraeducator at Winnebago Public School (8/22/08)

- O. Adjournment. Motion by Higgins, second by Copple, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Unanimous approval received.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting @ ESU #1 (Wakefield) ~ Tuesday, October 14, 2008**  
**Board Policy Committee Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.**

## BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 16, 2008 at 5:30 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, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Stan Copple. **Absent:** Kelly Ballinger and Wayne Goeden

**Audience:** None

Hearing closed at 5:34 p.m., with action to be taken on the proposed budget at the reconvened 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 16, 2008 at 5:35 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, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Stan Copple. **Absent:** Kelly Ballinger and Wayne Goeden

**Audience:** None

Hearing closed at 5:38 p.m., with action to be taken at the reconvened regularly scheduled meeting that will follow all published hearings.

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary