

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 11, 2012 at 5:00 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: Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand and Rodney Garwood. **Absent:** Joy Bock, Rich Higgins, Kelly Ballinger and Tom Luxford.

Audience: None

Hearing closed at 5:14 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 11, 2012 at 5:15 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: Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand and Rodney Garwood. **Absent:** Joy Bock, Rich Higgins, Kelly Ballinger and Tom Luxford.

Audience: None

Hearing closed at 5:29 p.m., with action to be taken at the reconvened regularly scheduled meeting that will follow all published hearings.



Lisa Salmon,
Recording Secretary

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2012

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Steve Grube, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand and Rodney Garwood. **Absent:** Joy Bock, Rich Higgins, Kelly Ballinger and Tom Luxford.

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 Grube, to excuse the absence of member Joy Bock, Rich Higgins, Kelly Ballinger and Tom Luxford. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Kirkholm, to approve the September 11, 2012, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 14, 2012 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$514,697.30 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Annual Report. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Grube, to approve the 2011-12 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

G. Adopt 2012-13 Budget. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to adopt the 2012-13 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

H. Property Tax Request. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
Setting the 2012-13 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 2012-13 property tax request be set at \$1,017,233 (**levy of 0.015**)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2012.

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

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

I. MAP Proposal. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve a total project cost of \$77,607 for ESU #1 MAP participating schools, funded through School Support Projects. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

J. Staff Development Initiative. Administrator Uhing informed the Board about the creation of a new *Regional Educational Laboratory (REL)* that will focus on key K-12 policies. The US Department of Education supports ten REL's across the country. ESU #1 will work with Marzano Research Laboratory to train trainers (staff development team) to assist area school districts.

K. Distance Education Agreement. Motion by Reinert, second by Grube, to approve the 2012-13 Distance Education Contract with ESU #2 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- L. ESU #1 & #8 Update. Administrator Uhing provided the Board with an update on the recent, and upcoming, joint meetings between the staff development and administrative teams of ESU #1 and #8.
- M. Approve Additional August Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the expenditures of the August 29 bill listing that totaled \$186,246.77. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.
- N. Additional September Grant Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the expenditures of up to \$60,000 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:** Grube, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand and Garwood; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.
- O. Personnel. The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes ~
- New Hires:**
Tower School Paraeducator: Kimberly Bruns
Winnebago Paraeducator: Allise Free
- Resignations:**
Winnebago Paraeducator: Christine Blevins and Amy Wiseman
- P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 9, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.