

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2009

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Nancy Kirkholm, Pat Nauroth, Wayne Goeden, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Sally Reinert. **Absent:** Pat Nauroth, Rich Higgins, Kelly Ballinger, and Joy Bock

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: Arianne Conley

Newly seated member Nancy Kirkholm of Election District #1 completed the *Oath of Office and Code of Ethics for ESU #1 Board Members*.

Call Meeting to Order. Chairman Dowling duly called the 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.

B. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the September 15, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Member Pat Nauroth arrived at 5:40 p.m.

C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 11, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$470,763.32, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

D. Public Comment. Arianne Conley, ESU #1 School Nurse, presented H₁N₁ Flu Preparation Plan.

Members Joy Bock, Rich Higgins and Kelly Ballinger joined the meeting, via telephone conference call, at 6:00 p.m. as per allowance by LB361.

E. 1% Approval. Administrator Uhing reviewed the 2009-10 Budget proposal. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to exceed the budget limit for fiscal year 2009-10 by an additional 1%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Nauroth, Higgins, Ballinger and Bock; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.

F. Budget Review & Adoption of 2009-10 Budget. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to adopt the 2009-10 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Nauroth, Higgins, Ballinger and Bock; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.

G. Property Tax Request. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
Setting the 2009-10 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 2009-10 property tax request be set at \$779,037 (levy of 0.015)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2009.

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

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Nauroth, Higgins, Ballinger and Bock; **Against:** None; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 11-0.

Members Joy Bock, Rich Higgins and Kelly Ballinger left the telephone conference portion of the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

H. Additional August Bills. Motion by Nauroth, second by Garwood, to approve the August 31, bill listing that totaled general fund expenses of \$91,276.75, grant expenses of \$5,245.54 and transfers of \$51,960.71. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

I. Additional September Grant Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the expenditure of up to \$25,000 in 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: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

J. Appoint Standing Committees. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Dowling, to approve the Standing Committees as presented by Chairman Dowling.

Insurance ~ Ron Wenstrand, Kelly Ballinger and Wayne Goeden

Board Policy ~ Dave Dowling, Pat Nauroth and Sally Reinert

Negotiations ~ Fred Boelter, Dave Dowling and Nancy Kirkholm

Building & Grounds ~ Rich Higgins, Rod Garwood and Ron Wenstrand

Legislative ~ Kelly Ballinger, Rod Garwood and Sally Reinert

Mutual Concerns ~ Joy Bock, Wayne Goeden and Rich Higgins

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

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

K. Annual Report. Administrator Uhing distributed and reviewed the 2008-09 Annual Report. Motion by Reinert, second by Boelter, to approve the report as printed. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

L. Carpeting Media Center. Motion by Garwood, second by Nauroth, to approve NORE's estimate of \$6,265 to carpet the Media Center. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

M. Hot Lunch Appointments. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve Stuart Clark as the Hearing Officer and Myrna Wacker Tuttle as the Manager for the Hot Lunch program at Tower School. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

N. H₁N₁ Flu Preparation Plan. Presentation given during Public Comment portion of the agenda.

- O. AdvancEd Accreditation. AdvancEd information was presented by Administrator Uhing. Additional information will be presented and action taken at the October 13, meeting.
- P. Board Policy Update. Motion by Garwood, second by Goeden, to approve the following new Board Policies: Use of Public Resource, Employment Conflicts and Professional Boundaries as presented and to adopt the Board policy identified as Article 2, Section 8 (Board Member Attendance) as presented and to repeal and rescind the existing Article 2, Section 8 (Board Member Attendance). This action constitutes the first reading of the required two for passage of the policies. The policies are attached and will be considered part of the minutes as though contained herein.

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- Q. Personnel. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Goeden, to approve the following 2009-10 contracts: Jessica McHugh, Occupational Therapist (80 days); Jennifer Bensen, ECSE Teacher (92.5 days); Dori Heitz, Speech/Language Pathologist (37 days). After discussion and on roll all vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Goeden, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Nauroth; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- R. Adjournment. Motion by Dowling, second by Nauroth, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Unanimous approval received.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting @ ESU #1 (Wakefield) ~ Tuesday, October 13, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.