

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2011

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Dowling, second by Luxford, to excuse the absence of members Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Rich Higgins and Kelly Ballinger. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Boelter, to approve the September 13, 2011, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Dowling, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 9, 2011 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$506,131.11, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

E. Public Comment. None

F. AdvancEd Visit. Administrator Uhing outlined the AdvancEd Visit scheduled for October 16-19, 2011 and reviewed the timelines with the Board.

G. Adopt 2011-12 Budget. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the 2011-12 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION
Setting the 2011-12 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 2011-12 property tax request be set at \$887,432 (**levy of 0.015**)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2011.

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

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

I. Staff Evaluation Process. Motion by Boelter, second by Grube, to approve the staff evaluation policy as presented and attached hereto and the process as outlined by the administration. This is the second of the required two readings for passage of Board policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

J. Non-Discrimination Policy. Motion by Reinert, second by Grube, to approve the Non-Discrimination Policy as presented and attached hereto. This is the second of the required two readings for passage of Board policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

K. Service Animal Policy. Motion by Dowling, second by Grube, to approve the Service Animal policy as presented and attached hereto. This is the second of the required two readings for passage of Board policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

- L. Level III Program – Knox County. Administrator Uhing discussed options of an additional Level III program in the Knox County area.
- M. ESU #1 & #8 Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update to the Board related to cooperative services and programs between ESU #1 and #8. A joint Advisory Council meeting will be held in December.
- N. Annual Report. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to approve the 2010-11 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Grube, Reinert, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0
- O. Additional August Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Dowling, to approve the expenditure of the August 29 bill listing that totaled general fund expenses of \$208,259.21. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Grube, Reinert, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0
- P. Additional September Bills. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the expenditures of up to \$35,000 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, Reinert, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, and Luxford; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0
- Q. Personnel. The Board was notified of the following Classified staff changes:
Exiting Staff: Melissa Munsen, Early Development Coordinator
Resignations: Kristen Dewald, Winnebago Paraeducator
New Hires: Seth Mason and Ashley Long, Winnebago Paraeducators
- R. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 11, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 13, 2011 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, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Rich Higgins and Kelly Ballinger.

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.



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Recording Secretary

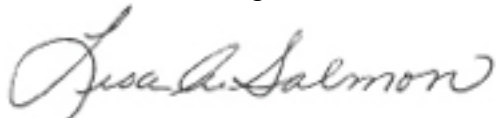
HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 13, 2011 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, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Rich Higgins and Kelly Ballinger.

Audience: None

Hearing closed at 5:28 p.m., with action to be taken at the reconvened regularly scheduled meeting that will follow all published hearings.



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Recording Secretary