

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 17, 2013 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: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Rodney Garwood, and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Rich Higgins, Ronnie Wenstrand and Tom Luxford.

Audience: None

Hearing closed at 5:15 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 17, 2013 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: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Joy Bock, Nancy Kirkholm, Rich Higgins, and Tom Luxford.

Audience: None

Hearing closed at 5:30 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 17, 2013

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford (arrived at 5:40 p.m.) and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Joy Bock and Rich Higgins

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

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the September 17, 2013, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 13, 2013 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$560,881.74 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Opening School Report. Administrator Uhing reported on the Tower School enrollment, overall financial position and staffing of the ESU and school districts, outlined the focus of staff development, provided an

update on the Strategic Plan to Improve Student Achievement in the Native American schools and the change in ESU #1 SPED contracts/staffing for 2013-14.

- G. Annual Report. Motion by Boelter, second by Heise, to approve the 2012-13 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

- H. Adopt 2013-14 Budget. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to adopt the 2013-14 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

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

RESOLUTION
Setting the 2013-14 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 2013-14 property tax request be set at \$1,199,033 (**levy of 0.015**)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2013.

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

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

- J. Co-op Building. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the Cooperative Purchase Program and possible delivery options that will be made available to school districts next year. However, at this time there is not enough information to make a decision and it was recommended that the Board not take any action at this time related to a warehouse/storage facility.
- K. NWEA MAP Assessment. Administrator Uhing provided an overview of the NWEA MAP assessment project funded, in part, by the School Support budget.

L. Distance Education Agreement. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve the 2013-14 Distance Education Contract with ESU #2 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

M. Internet Filtering System. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to approve ESU #1 funding the Internet Filtering System on behalf of the EU #1 school districts at an estimated cost of \$56,178, for a three year contract running from September 2014 through August 2016. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

N. Additional August Expenditures. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the expenditures of the August 30, bill listing that totaled \$290,390.81. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

O. Additional September Grant Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the expenditures of up to \$25,000 of additional grant funds at the end of September to close out the fiscal year of specific grants and meet reporting requirements. A complete listing of the bills will be presented to the Board in October. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

P. Personnel. The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes ~

New Hires:

Tower School Paraeducator: Melanie Mann and Denise Olsen

Resignations:

Winnebago Paraeducator: Allise Free and Iva Masquat

Retirement:

EDN Coordinator Barb Schroeder effective November 30, 2013

Motion by Garwood, second by Johnson, to accept, with regret, the letter of retirement from EDN Coordinator Barb Schroeder and thank her for her 18+ years of service to ESU #1.

For: Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

Q. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 8, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.