

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 16, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield. 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, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Tom Luxford, Rodney Garwood, and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Sally Reinert and Rich Higgins.

Audience: ESU #1 Staff Developer Kellen Conroy

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 16, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield. 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, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Tom Luxford, Rodney Garwood, and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Rich Higgins.

Audience: ESU #1 Staff Developer Kellen Conroy

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 16, 2014

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** 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: ESU #1 Staff Developer Kellen Conroy

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 Reinert, second by Heise, to excuse the absence of member Rich Higgins. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;

Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the September 16, 2014, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;

Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Heise, second by Luxford, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 12, 2014 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$683,203.50 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;

Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

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 for 2014-15.

- G. Annual Report. Motion by Boelter, second by Johnson, to approve the 2013-14 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- H. Adopt 2014-15 Budget. Motion by Reinert, second by Heise, to adopt the 2014-15 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

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

RESOLUTION
Setting the 2014-15 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 2014-15 property tax request be set at \$1,439,220 (**levy of 0.015**)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2014.

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

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- J. Co-op Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the Cooperative Purchase Program and discussed some of the problems/concerns that arose with the transition to direct delivery in 2013-14. The ESUCC is working to resolve them and are also negotiating with the software vendor to reduce the annual cost to the ESUCC
- K. NWEA MAP Assessment. Administrator Uhing outlined the current status of the NWEA MAP assessment project funded, in part, by the School Support budget.
- L. Learning Management System. Motion by Garwood, second by Kirkholm, to approve funding of \$6,453 (\$4,500 set-up fee and \$1,953 licensing fee) to pilot the Canvas Learning Management System. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

M. Central Office Storm Shelter. Administrator Uhing presented the cost for a storm shelter module through Kenton Brothers Hide-Away storm shelter system and a rough estimate received from Bacon Creek Construction and Design of Sioux City. After discussion, Administrator Uhing was asked to contact LiteForm Technologies in So. Sioux City for an estimate. Additional information will be presented to the Board at the October Board meeting.

N. Grant Coordinator Agreement. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the Grant Coordinator Agreement with ESU #2 for Diane Wolfe to provide services for the Carol White Physical Education Program Grant and the newly awarded Indian Demonstration Grant. Administrator Uhing will bring a breakdown of the contract cost to the Board in October. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

O. Additional August Expenditures. Motion by Heise, second by Kirkholm, to approve the expenditures of the August 30, bill listing that totaled \$279,133.64 (\$273,862.36 General Fund; \$5,008.62 Grants; and \$262.66 Administrative Account). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

P. Additional September Grant Bills. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to approve expenditures up to \$12,000 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: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

Q. Personnel. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to approve the voluntary reduction of Speech/Language Pathologist Nancy Dean's 2014-15 contract from 132 to 111 days. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, Garwood, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes ~

New Hires:

Tower School Paraeducators: Bailey Diediker, Erin Allen and Cynthia Anzaldua

Resignations:

Winnebago Paraeducator: Kathryn McLaughlin

R. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

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