

## BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 13, 2016 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, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Rod Garwood

**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 13, 2016 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, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Rod Garwood

**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 13, 2016**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Joy Bock, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Rodney Garwood

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 Wenstrand, to excuse the absence of member Rod Garwood. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter second by Reinert, to approve the September 13, 2016 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Sorensen, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 9, 2016 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$761,826.52, additional bills of \$6,180, and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, 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 (30 students total), 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, noted the increase in SPED contracts for 2016-17, and noted that hiring qualified special education staff is a statewide issue.

G. Annual Report. Motion by Reinert, second by Sorensen, to approve the 2015-16 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

H. Adopt 2016-17 Budget. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to adopt the 2016-17 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

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

**RESOLUTION**  
**Setting the 2016-17 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 2016-17 property tax request be set at \$1,659,200.73 (**levy of 0.015**)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2016.

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

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

J. Co-op Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the statewide Cooperative Purchase Program and a new (competing) program that was being considered by NASB. After reviewing the impact of adding another statewide purchasing program, NASB chose to drop the K-Purchase program.

K. Native American Consortium. Administrator Uhing provided an update on Santee School's progress related to School Improvement. In addition, Uhing discussed the annual Native American Symposium and how NDE would like to see the focus of that project change as we move forward. ESU #1 is the fiscal agent for the Symposium and will work with NDE on future plans.

L. Building Feasibility Study. Motion by Heise, second by Luxford, authorizing Administrator Uhing to contact Carlson/West/ Povonda architects to conduct a building feasibility study, at an estimated cost not to exceed

\$5,000. The study will focus on how the current facility is being used, along with options for expansion of the building. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

M. Tower School Update. Board was informed that the roof project by A-Lert Roof Systems could be pushed back to November. The limited parking space at Tower School was discussed, along with various options available that would alleviate the issue. After discussion, the Board agreed to have the Building Committee review the options and bring a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

N. Additional August Expenditures. Motion by Johnson, second by Messersmith, to approve the expenditures of the August 30 bill listing that totaled \$197,797.81 (\$178,551.43 GF and \$19,246.38 Grants). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

O. Additional September Grant Expenditures. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve expenditures up to \$15,000 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, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Luxford, and Heise;  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

P. Personnel. The ESU #1 Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes

**New Hires:**

Winnebago Paraeducator: Kayla Smith

**Service Ended:**

Migrant Education Liaison: Dulce Torres (8/26/16)

Q. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.**