

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 12, 2017 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: Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Jeff Messersmith

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 12, 2017 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: Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** 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 12, 2017

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** None

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.

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 and all members were present.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Messersmith, to approve the September 12, 2017 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Oswald, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Johnson, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 8, 2017 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September bills of \$773,545.60, additional September bills of \$3,173.50, and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Oswald, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Opening School Report. Administrator Heimann reported on the following topics: ESU #1 All Staff Day held on August 7, Tower School enrollment (35 students total), overall financial position, ESU #1 staffing and staffing of area school districts, SPED contracts; and reiterated that the focus of ESU #1 is to increase student achievement.

G. Annual Report. Motion by Garwood, second by Sorensen, to approve the 2016-17 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Oswald, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

H. Adopt 2017-18 Budget. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to adopt the 2017-18 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Oswald, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

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

**RESOLUTION
Setting the 2017-18 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 2017-18 property tax request be set at \$1,652,105.48 (**levy of 0.015**)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2017.

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

For: Oswald, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

J. Native American Consortium. Administrator Heimann provided an update on Native American Consortium activities and the status of the annual Native American Symposium that will be held at Wayne State College on November 6. ESU #1 is the fiscal agent for the Symposium and will work with NDE on future plans.

K. Construction Progress Update. Administrator Heimann provided an update on the construction progress and welcomed the Board to walk around the building (inside and outside) after the meeting.

L. Additional August Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the expenditures of the August 28 bill listing that totaled \$127,922.83 (\$116,639.64 GF \$11,283.19 Grants). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Oswald, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

M. Additional September Grant Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve expenditures 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. 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: Oswald, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

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

New Hires:

EDN Coordinator Beverlin Sahagun effective August 28, 2017

Resignation:

Tower Paraeducator Cynthia Husmann effective July 21, 2017

O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.