

## BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 11, 2018 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 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 and Traci Haglund. **Absent:** Rhonda Heise and Tucker Hight

Hearing closed at 5:25 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 11, 2018 at 5:25 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, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight. **Absent:** Rhonda Heise

Hearing closed at 5:30 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

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**September 11, 2018**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight. **Absent:** Rhonda Heise

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. Motion by Boelter, second by Johnson, to excuse the absence of member: Rhonda Heise. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

C. Board Member Appointment. Motion by Dowling, second by Johnson, to approve the appointment of Terry Pinkelman as the District 7 Board representative to replace resigning member Jeff Messersmith. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

D. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Boelter, to approve the September 11, 2018 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

E. Consent Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Luxford, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 14, 2018 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September bills of \$910,413.08, and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

F. Public Comment.

- G. Election of Board Secretary. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to name Helen Sorensen as ESU #1 Board Secretary to fill the vacant position left by Ronnie Wenstrand. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** Helen Sorensen; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- H. Approve Additional August Expenditures. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to approve the additional August 30, expenditures of \$60,839.81, as listed. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- I. Additional September Bills. Motion by Sorensen, 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:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- J. Opening School Report. Administrator Heimann provided an overview of ESU #1's current financial position, staffing, focus for 2018-19 and current and projected projects.
- K. ESU #1 Annual Report. Motion by Johnson, second by Sorensen, to approve the 2017-18 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- L. Additional 1% Budget Authority. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to exceed the budgeted limit for fiscal year 2018-19 by an additional 1%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- M. Adopt 2018-19 Budget. Motion by Dowling, second by Johnson, to adopt the 2018-19 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.
- N. Property Tax Request. Motion by Johnson, second by Reinert, to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Setting the 2018-19 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 2018-19 property tax request be set at \$1,641,218.69 (**levy of 0.015**).
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2018.

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

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

- O. Central Office Landscaping. Motion by Johnson, second by Dowling, to approve an additional \$3,627 to Country Nursery for completion of the Central office landscaping project. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

- P. Tower School Facility. Motion by Sorensen, second by Reinert, to approve that Radec Construction repair the soffit at Tower School at an estimated cost of \$4,824 and repair the loose fascia at an estimated cost of \$490. In addition, the Board approves the replacement of the remaining soffit at an estimated cost of \$21,740 contingent upon Administrator Heimann confirming with another contractor that Radec's estimate is competitive. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

Tucker Hight and Tom Luxford volunteered to serve on the Building & Grounds Committee, replacing Rod Garwood and Ron Wenstrand.

- Q. Finance Clerk Job Description. Motion by Johnson, second by Sorensen, to approve the Finance Clerk Job Description as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

- R. Cooperative Purchase Program Update. Administrator Heimann presented the ESUCC Coop Report outlining the savings realized by ESU #1 school districts through utilization of the Cooperative Purchase Program.

- S. Native American Consortium. Administrator Heimann provided an update on the Native American Consortium Consultant project and other related consortium activities.

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

**Resignation:**

Migrant Education Service Provider Myrian Jackson, effective August 27, 2018

- U. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

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