

ESU #1 Board Minutes
Wakefield, NE 68784
August 9, 2011

Student Fee Policy Hearing

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 9, 2011, at 5:25 p.m. at the Central office in Wakefield, NE. The purpose of the special public hearing was to review, discuss, consider, and receive input and suggested modifications to the Student Fee Policy.

Present: Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Nancy Kirkholm, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Fred Boelter, Dave Dowling, Kelly Ballinger and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Rich Higgins and Steve Grube

Audience: None

Hearing closed at 5:30 p.m. A meeting will be held immediately following all published hearings to take such action as the ESU #1 Board may deem appropriate.

Lisa Salmon,
Recording Secretary

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2011

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Nancy Kirkholm, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Fred Boelter, Dave Dowling, Kelly Ballinger and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Rich Higgins (arrived at 5:38 p.m.) and Steve Grube.

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 Garwood, second by Boelter, to excuse the absence of members Rich Higgins and Steve Grube. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Luxford, to approve the August 9, 2011, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Member Rich Higgins arrived at 5:38 p.m.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Bock, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (June 14, 2011 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, August Bills of \$784,008.71, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

E. Public Comment. None

F. Student Fees Policy. Motion by Boelter, second by Dowling, to approve the current ESU #1 Student Fee Policy, with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

- G. Anti-Bullying Policy. Motion by Reinert, second by Higgins, to approve the current ESU #1 Anti-Bullying Policy, with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- H. IRS Mileage Rate Adjustment. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger, to approve the IRS allowed mileage rate of 55.5¢ per mile effective August 9, 2011 for commuter and business miles. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- I. Staff Evaluation Process. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the staff evaluation policy as presented and the process as outlined by the administration. This is the first of the required two readings for passage of Board policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- J. Non-Discrimination Policy & Service Animal Policy. Motion by Boelter, second by Higgins, to approve the updated Non-Discrimination Policy and Service Animal policy as presented. This is the first of the required two readings for passage of Board policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- K. Approve Additional June Checks. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the listing of June grant checks as presented totaling \$26,331.09. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- L. Approve June Treasurer's Report. Motion by Boelter, second by Bock, to approve the June Treasurer's Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- M. Approve July Expenditures. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve the July expenditures totaling \$833,553.83 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- N. Hot Lunch Appointments. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to approve Stuart Clark as the Hearing Officer and Myrna Wacker Tuttle as the manager for the Tower School hot lunch program. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

- O. Native American Consortium. Administrator Uhing reviewed the updated Native American Consortium Memorandum of Understanding that has been presented to the four Native American Schools and agreed upon by each districts' administration.
- P. ESU #1 & #8 Discussions. Administrator Uhing updated the Board on the AdvancEd visit and timeline and the collaborative efforts between ESU #1 and #8 to prepare for the visit.
- Q. Budget Parameters/1% Approval. Motion by Garwood, second by Dowling, to exceed the budged limit for fiscal year 2011-12 by an additional 1%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- R. Additional August Bills. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$400,000 on August 31, 2011 to close out the 2010-11 fiscal year (General Fund and Grant Fund). A report of final expenditures will be presented at the September meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- S. Personnel. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Ballinger, to approve the following 2011-12 contracts: School Psychology Intern Meghan Smith (190 days), School Psychologist David Hulac (38 days), Speech Technician Molly Mitchell (46 days) and School Psychologist Stephanie Jensen. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
For: Bock, Kirkholm, Reinert, Higgins, Wenstrand, Garwood, Dowling, Boelter, Ballinger and Luxford;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0
- The Board was informed of the following Classified staff hires: Tower BD Paraeducator Logan McPhillips, Tower S/P Paraeducator Heidi Meyers, Winnebago Paraeducator's Bonnie Pueppke, Kristen Dewald and Michael Wostoupal.
- T. 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, September 13, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.