

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**May 12, 2015**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Joy Bock (5:35), Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood, and Tom Luxford. **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.

Audience: None

Call Meeting to Order.

- A. Notification of Open Meetings Law. 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 Garwood, to excuse the absence of member Rhonda Heise. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Luxford;  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

- C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve the May 12, 2015, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Luxford;  
**Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0

Member Joy Bock arrived (5:35 p.m.)

- D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (April 14, 2015 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, May 15, Bill Listing of \$765,990.99, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

- E. Public Comment. None

F. Annual Service and Personnel Surveys. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to accept the 2014-15 Annual Service and Personnel Survey results as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

G. ESU #1 Superintendent Meeting. Administrator Uhing provided a summary of the Advisory Council and Superintendents' meetings held in April. The group approved the projected 2015-16 General Fund and Core Service and Technology Infrastructure budget as presented.

H. Tower School Bandwidth. Administrator Uhing reported that ESU #1 is working with Wayne State College to utilize some of their equipment to boost the bandwidth at Tower School to improve their connection. Additional equipment will need to be purchased by ESU #1 to help with the connection and is estimated to be less than \$1,000.

I. School Support Projects Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the 2014-15 School Project budget (actual and projected expenditures/revenue for the year).

J. NNNC Technology Budget. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve the NNNC budget of \$300,000 for 2015-16. The projected expenses will either be share equally by the five participating ESU's or by student population. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

K. SRS Fee. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the payment of the 2015-16 SRS fee for ESU #1 districts at a cost of \$18,588. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

L. PowerSchool Contract. Motion by Johnson, second by Luxford, to approve the 2015-16 Independent PowerSchool Contract with Sharon VanCleave at a rate of \$48/hour. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

M. Native American Consortium. Administrator Uhing shared the agenda for the upcoming Native American Consortium meeting to be held in June, along with the educational activities that are currently taking place at all four districts.

N. Negotiations. Administrator Uhing notified the Board that a classified staff proposal would be presented in June.

O. Personnel. Motion by Garwood, second by Sorensen, to approve the following personnel changes:

1. Release School Psychologist Tanya Partridge and Speech/Language Pathologist Jessica Fischer from their 2015-16 employment contract.
2. Correct the contract amendment for School Psychologist Karen Wall, from 20 additional days to 15 for contract year 2015-16.
3. Approve the 2015-16 employment contract with Speech/Language Pathologist Emily Green (185 days).

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

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

**Classified Information:**

Tower Paraeducators Hired ~ Megan Rahn (effective 5/8/15) and Elizabeth Klaus (effective 5/11/15)

- P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, June 9, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.**