

**ESU #1 Board Minutes**  
**Wakefield, NE 68784**  
**August 11, 2015**

### **Student Fee Policy Hearing**

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 11, 2015, 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. Notice of the hearing was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the required method for giving notice of hearings.

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

**Audience:** None

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Salmon".

Lisa Salmon,  
Recording Secretary

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**August 11, 2015**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Ronnie Wenstrand, Adrian (AJ) Johnson and Joy Bock. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Messersmith, to approve the August 11, 2015, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Heise, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (June 9, 2015 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, August 15, Bill Listing of \$722,342.87 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

E. Public Comment. None

F. September Meeting Date. Motion by Dowling, second by Messersmith, to change the September meeting date from September 8 to September 15, 2015 due to the budget timelines. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

G-H. Student Fee Policy & Anti-Bullying Policy. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to approve the current ESU #1 Student Fee Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy (Agenda Items G. and H.) with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

I-O. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to adopt the entire contents of the following policies (Agenda Items I. through O.) as presented and rescind all existing Board policies that pertain to the same matters, or that are otherwise conflicting, after one reading and waive the second reading requirement. All policies will be attached to these minutes and considered part of the permanent record.

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| I. <u>Video Surveillance Policy</u>               | J. <u>Bidding Construction Policies</u>  |
| K. <u>Pregnancy – Non-Discrimination Policies</u> | L. <u>Recognition/Bereavement Policy</u> |
| M. <u>Electronic Records Policies</u>             | N. <u>Special Education Policy</u>       |
| O. <u>Fire Drills Policy</u>                      |  |

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

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

P. Co-op Fund. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to transfer the Co-op Fund balance of \$275,841.32 into the General Fund. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

Q. Distance Education Agreement. Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to approve the \$64,600 Distance Learning contract with ESU #2 for the membership fees of 18 school districts and ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

R. ESUCC Lobbyist. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, that the ESU #1 Board will support the action of the ESUCC to enter into an agreement with *Bromm and Associates* to represent ESU's legislatively. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

- S. Approve Additional June Grant Checks. Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to approve the listing of June grant checks dated June 25, 2015 in the amount of \$56,857.17. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- T. Approve June Treasurer's Report. Motion by Heise, second by Reinert, to approve the June 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- U. Approve July Expenditures. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to approve the listing of July checks totaling \$806,282.57. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- V. Hot Lunch Appointments. Motion by Reinert, second by Sorensen, to approve Stuart Clark as the Hearing Officer and Myrna Wacker Tuttle as the manager for the hot lunch program at Tower School. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- W. Budget Parameters. Board action to exceed the budgeted limit for fiscal year 2015-16 by an additional 1% will appear on the September agenda, as a super majority of the Board was not in attendance, as required, for passage.
- X. Additional August Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to authorize expenditures of up to \$300,000 on August 31, 2015 to close out the 2014-15 fiscal year (general fund and grant funds). 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:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- Y. Negotiations. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to recognize the ESU #1 local NSEA as the bargaining agent for the 2015-16 contract year for all positions presently included within the ESU #1 negotiated Master Agreement. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None;  
**Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.
- Z. Personnel. Motion by Dowling, second by Messersmith, to approve the 2015-16 contract release for School Psychologist Jaclyn Buttermore and Speech/Language Pathologist Joni Foster-McFee. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, **Against:** Boelter, Garwood, Luxford; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 5-3.

Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to approve the 2015-16 voluntary contract reduction of Occupational Therapist Laurie Smith from 195 days to 190 and COTA Amy Haselhorst from 120 to 115 days. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Heise, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Luxford, Garwood **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

**Board informed of the following Classified staff changes:**

New Hires

Brandi Urwiler-Settje, EDN Coordinator, effective 8-3-15  
Tyler Tunink, Tower Paraeducator effective 8-4-15  
Melissa Henrich, Tower Paraeducator effective 8-4-15  
Lauren Barge, Wakefield Preschool Paraeducator 8-4-15

Resignations

Lauryn Braun, Tower Paraeducator, effective 7-10-15  
Kayla Nejedly, Winnebago Paraeducator, effective at end of 2014-15 academic year  
Julie Kelley, Winnebago Paraeducator, effective at end of 2014-15 academic year  
Bailey Diediker, Tower Paraeducator, effective at end of 2014-15 academic year  
Nicole Recker, Tower Paraeducator, effective at end of 2014-15 academic year

AA. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 15, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.**