

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2015

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Tom Luxford. **Absent:** Jeff Messersmith and 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. 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 Boelter, second by Bock, to excuse the absence of member Jeff Messersmith and Rhonda Heise. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Sorensen, to approve the October 13, 2015 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (September 15, 2015 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, October Bills of \$687,080.75 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

E. Public Comment.

F. Native American Schools Report. Administrator Uhing reported that he will be meeting with the administrators from the four Native American school districts on October 29, and the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and State Board President will be visiting the schools on October 29 & 30.

G. September Grant Expenditures. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the \$26,776.71 in Grant expenditures paid September 30 to complete grants ending in September. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

H. RUS Grant. Administrator Uhing provided a summary of the RUS grant ESU #1 received in 2013 and how each school district utilized the funds for equipment.

I. Tower School Donation. Administrator Uhing informed the Board that Tower School will be receiving some donations from families that will be used to purchase equipment/supplies for students with Autism.

J. ESU #1 Action Plan. Administrator Uhing distributed copies of the ESU #1 Action Plan and provided a brief overview of its contents. It was also noted that the AdvancED accreditation visit will take place in April 2017. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve the Action Plan as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

K. John Baylor Test Prep. Administrator Uhing shared information related to the usage of the John Baylor ACT Test Prep Program supported by ESU #1. Currently 100% of the ESU #1 districts are participating in the program.

L. Career Academies. Administrator Uhing reported that the Career Academies program, supported by Carl Perkins funds, is looking to increase the number of students involved in the program. Currently 50 high schools in northeast Nebraska participate in the program. ESU #1 is the fiscal agent for this program.

M. Negotiations. The ESU #1 staff data has been submitted for the comparability study.

N. Personnel.

O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, November 10, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.