

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING  
November 10, 2015**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Wenstrand, second by Johnson, to excuse the absence of member Jeff Messersmith, Fred Boelter, Joy Bock, Helen Sorensen and Tom Luxford. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the November 10, 2015 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (October 13, 2015 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, November Bills of \$777,494.02 and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

E. Public Comment. None

F. Migrant Grant. Administrator Uhing outlined the request by NDE that ESU #1 apply for the Migrant Education Grant to support schools in Northeast Nebraska. The grant would be for an estimated \$344,480. The funds would serve migrant children between the ages of 3 and 21 who meet the federal definition of migrant. Motion by Reinert, second by Johnson, to approve ESU #1 pursuing a Migrant Education Grant through the Nebraska Department of Education. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

G. Native American Schools Update. Administrator Uhing shared information from the meeting held on October 29 with administrators from the four Native American school districts, Deputy Commissioner Deb Frison and State Board President Rachel Wise.

H. ESU #1 Schools' NeSA Results. Administrator Uhing shared the results of the NeSA assessment in reading, math and science for the schools in ESU #1. In addition, the staff development activities that are being provided to assist schools in the various areas were outlined.

I. Statewide Initiatives. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the statewide initiatives and their current status.

J. ESUCC Correspondence. Administrator Uhing informed the Board of recent correspondence delivered to the ESUCC by the ESU #6 administrator.

K. 2016 Mileage Rate. Motion by Dowling, second by Heise, to apply the federal mileage rate as it becomes effective for the calculation of commuter and business miles for the calendar year 2016. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

L. Health Insurance Rates. Administrator Uhing shared the 2016-17 EHA health and dental rates that were recently released. The increase is 4.9% over the 2015-16 rates.

M. Special Education Director's Evaluation. Administrator Uhing outlined the evaluation process and stated that he had completed his oral evaluation of Special Education Director Stuart Clark.

N. Administrator's Evaluation. Administrator Uhing outlined the evaluation process and the evaluation instrument has been emailed to Board members for completion and submission to the Board Chairman.

O. Negotiations. Administrator Uhing reported that the comparability study was not yet complete but would be sent to members as soon as it has been received.

- P. Personnel. Motion by Garwood, second by Johnson, that ESU #1 request that NDE issue a Local Substitute Certificate to ESU #1 employee Kayla Daniel for substitute work at Tower School. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Johnson, Reinert, Dowling, Wenstrand, Garwood and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 6-0

Classified Staff Changes ~ No Action Required

**Resignations:**

Tyler Tunink, Tower School Paraeducator, effective October 28, 2015

Elizabeth Klaus, Tower School Paraeducator, effective November 3, 2015

**Retirement:**

Judy Murtaugh, Winnebago Paraeducator, effective November 13, 2015 (hired 8/08)

- Q. 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, December 9, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m. ~ Tower School**