

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2015

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith (arrived at 5:43 p.m.), Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** None

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: ESU #1 Staff Development Team ~ Rhonda Jindra, Amy Hill, Chris Good and Kellen Conroy

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.

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

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to approve the April 14, 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, Luxford, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Garwood, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (March 10, 2015 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, April 14, Bill Listing of \$708,490.57, 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, Luxford, and Heise;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0

E. Public Comment.

Board member Jeff Messersmith arrived at meeting at 5:43 p.m.

- F. Staff Development Team Report. The ESU #1 staff development team highlighted the following ESU #1 school projects and areas of support: MAP (Measure of Academic Performance); BYOC (Build Your Own Curriculum); Principal Leadership; and Technology (Canvas Learning Management System and Clarity (Brightbytes survey instrument) in a presentation to the Board.
- G. Additional March Bills. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to approve the additional March payments as authorized at the March 10, meeting in the amount of \$19,627.06. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0
- H. Special Education Rates. Special Education Director Stuart Clark reviewed the 2014-15 rates vs. 2015-16 rates, introduced the PSP (Primary Service Provider) model, as well as staffing and contract changes for the 2015-16 year.
- I. A/V & Computer Repair Contract. Motion by Boelter, second by Luxford, to approve the 2015-16 A/V and Computer Repair Contract with George Hefner, dba Hefner Electronics at a rate of \$60 per hour. All other terms and conditions of the existing contract will remain the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0
- J. ESU #1 Salary Comparison. Administrator Uhing provided information about the current salaries of ESU #1 certified and professional staff and how they compare to other school districts in the area and/or ESU's statewide.
- K. Canvas Purchase. Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to approve the contract with Canvas, a Learning Management System, in the amount of \$66,000 of which ESU #1 will provide up to \$44,000 in support. The remaining \$22,000 will be paid by participating school districts. In addition, ESU #1 will support Canvas in 2015-16 by paying the user license fee of \$7.80/user for approximately 3,000 users or \$23,400. This will be a part of the School Support projects. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0
- L. Central Office Equipment Purchase. Motion by Dowling, second by Messersmith, to approve the purchase of a defibrillator for the Central office at an estimated cost of \$1,200. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0
- M. Property/Liability Insurance. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve the 2015-16 Property/Liability Insurance package as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

- N. School Support Projects. Motion by Heise, second by Messersmith, to approve the 2015-16 School Support Projects as presented by Administrator Uhing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

- O. Negotiations. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Garwood, to approve the 2015-16 administrative contracts as presented for the following staff: Administrator Bob Uhing, Special Education Director Stuart Clark and Office Manager Lisa Salmon. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

- P. Personnel. Motion by Johnson, second by Boelter, to accept the resignation of Early Childhood Teachers Jennifer Bensen, Pam Peters, and Michaela Hight, and Michael Mettler at the end of the 2014-15 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

Motion by Dowling, second by Wenstrand, to accept, with regret, the retirement of Speech/Language Pathologist Cathy Schroeder at the end of her 2014-15 contract. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

Motion by Garwood, second by Luxford, to approve the 2015-16 contract amendment for Physical Therapist Staci Fethkener from 176 days to 185 days, supplemental contract of 20 additional days beyond the 190 day contract for School Psychologist Karen Wall (school request); and reduction of the 2014-15 contract by Sp/Lg Pathologist Pam Barnes from 185 to 153 days (employee request). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

Motion by Dowling, second by Reinert, to approve the following 2015-16 contracts: School Psychology Intern Kimberly Benorden (190 days); School Psychologist Jennifer Waterman (190 days); Sp/Lg Pathologist Jenna Napierala Simonsen (185 days + 20 additional days for Educare Program); Sp/Lg Pathologist Anne Ronhovde (185 days); and ECSE Teacher Brianna Romshek (185 days). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Johnson, Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

Classified Information:

Employment Completed ~ Tower School Paraeducator Erin Allen, effective 3/31/15

- Q. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, May 12, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.