

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2015

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

Present: Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rod Garwood, Tom Luxford (5:38), and Rhonda Heise. **Absent:** Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen and Jeff Messersmith

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:

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 Garwood, second by Reinert, to excuse the absence of member's: Helen Sorensen and Jeff Messersmith. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

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

For: Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0

Member Tom Luxford arrived.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Wenstrand, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (February 10, 2015 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, March 10, Bill Listing of \$645,330.02, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

E. Public Comment.

- F. Statewide Technology Plan. Motion by Boelter, second by Heise, to approve the Statewide Technology Plan as presented by ESU #1 and submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- G. Verification of Successful Teaching. Motion by Garwood, second by Wenstrand, to verify the successful teaching of the following ESU #1 certified employees whose teaching certificate will expire on August 31, 2015: Heather Barron-Galvan, Jennifer Bensen, Jaclyn Buttermore, Daphne Darter, Joni Foster-McFee, Doreen Heitz, Bobbi Hightree-Comstock, Michael Mettler, Carol Olson-Conrad, Holly Pedersen, Alexa Sorensen and Molly Stenger. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- H. Network Nebraska Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update related to the Lincoln Diocese request to join Network Nebraska.

- I. Co-op Purchasing Update. Administrator Uhing informed the Board that Craig Peterson has been hired as the Statewide Director of Co-op Purchasing. Additional information was given, related to the annual buy and deadlines for 2015.

- J. Native American Consortium. At the request of the Commissioner of Education, ESU #1 and the four superintendents from the Native American Schools will be updating the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to more accurately define the relationship and responsibilities of all parties.

- K. Additional March Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to approve an estimated \$38,000 of March expenditures to meet vendor deadlines. A detailed listing of all bills paid will be available at the April meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- L. Affordable Care Act Issue. Administrator Uhing provided an overview of a memo received from ESU #1 Attorney Rex Schultze, related to the Affordable Care Act and offering health insurance to late hires. An amendment to the act was effective January 1, 2015.

- M. Building Repair Update. The repair to the interior of the Special Education Director's office is complete. The exterior has been repaired, however, due to the difference in the old vs. new siding, it will be necessary to side the entire side of the building. We were informed that the insured's company will not pay the additional cost of \$6,650 for siding the rest of the east side.

Motion by Garwood, second by Heise, to approve the additional \$6,650 in expenses to install siding on the remainder of the east side of the building for aesthetic purposes and that we contact our insurance provider for possible coverage. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- N. Negotiations. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the wage and benefit proposal as presented for the following staff: **Core Service/Technology:** Kellen Conroy, Chris Good, Amy Hill, Jim Hopkins and Rhonda Jindra; **PT & OT:** Staci Fethkenher, Kristine Kleve, Angie Hansen, Christine Hanson-Harder, Lauren Pinkelman and Laurie Smith; **Specialty:** Arianne Conley, Sarah Hansen, Scott McIntosh, Ryan Stansberry and Susan Strahm. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0

- O. Personnel. The Board was informed of the employment completion of Winnebago Paraeducator Keirsten Appleton, effective February 27, 2015

- P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 14, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.