

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
November 12, 2019**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Dave Dowling, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Robby Thompson, Helen Sorensen and Tucker Hight; **Absent:** Traci Haglund, Tom Luxford, Rhonda Heise and Adrian (AJ) Johnson

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.

Call Meeting to Order.

A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, President Dave Dowling 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. Motion by Reinert, second by Sorensen, to excuse the absence of members: Traci Haglund, Rhonda Heise, Adrian (AJ) Johnson and Tom Luxford. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Dave Dowling, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Robby Thompson, Helen Sorensen and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Sorensen, second by Hight, to approve the November 12, 2019 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Dave Dowling, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Robby Thompson, Helen Sorensen and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Thompson, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (October 8, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report; November bills of \$897,137.63; and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Dave Dowling, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Robby Thompson, Helen Sorensen and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Open Educational Resources Policy. Motion by Hight, second by Pinkelman, to approve the Participation in Open Educational Resources Policy (see below) to Article III Services and Operations as part of Section 9 – Records Management.

Participation in Open Educational Resources (OER)

Collaboration through Open Educational Resources (OER) is beneficial in many ways for the ESU's member districts and for the education community in Nebraska. The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) and the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) have provided a platform to share educational materials with OER designation which can be reviewed and aligned to Nebraska's state standards. The Board authorized the Administrator to allow staff members to

participate in OER, at the administrator's discretion, both by incorporating OER materials into the services provided by the ESU to member districts and by sharing materials and resources owned by the ESU. Those materials and resources include works made for hire by ESU employees. Unless the administrator or administrator's designee(s) determines otherwise, materials owned by the ESU may be shared to the ESUCC-NDE OER Collection(s) with the Creative Commons Attribution License designation of either (1) "Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike," which is universally noted as "CC BY-NC-SA", or (2) "Attribution-Noncommercial-No Derivatives," which is universally noted as "CC BY-NC-ND."

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

For: Dave Dowling, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Robby Thompson, Helen Sorensen and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- G. Educator Health Alliance Rates for 2020-21. Administrator Heimann reviewed the EHA press release outlining the Blue Cross & Blue Shield rates for the 2020-21 year (6.71% rate increase).
- H. December ESU #1 Board Meeting. Motion by Pinkelman, second by Dowling, to hold the Tower Board meeting in April rather than December to tour the new playground. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Dave Dowling, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Robby Thompson, Helen Sorensen and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- I. Nebraska Association of School Board Paperless Board Meeting. The Board participated in a video demonstration of the paperless meeting program by Nebraska Association of School Board staff member Nicole Kobus.

Motion by Reinert, second by Thompson, to purchase Tier 1 of the SparqData Paperless Board Meetings Software at an annual subscription fee of \$1,500, along with a \$500 set-up fee. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Dave Dowling, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Robby Thompson, Helen Sorensen and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

- J. Personnel. Motion by Thompson, second by Sorensen, to approve the ESU #1 Network & Information Technology Director contract, as presented, for Andrew Contreras effective December 9, 2019. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Dave Dowling, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Robby Thompson, Helen Sorensen and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 7-0.

The Board authorized Administrator Heimann to proceed with the certified negotiation process on behalf of the Board.

The Administrator evaluation process was reviewed and action to be taken by the Board outlined.

- K. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, President Dave Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Helen Sorensen, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.