

## BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 17, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield. The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to the proposed General Fund Budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. Legal notice of the hearing date and time had been published and posted according to State statute.

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

**Absent:** Traci Haglund

Hearing closed at 5:25 p.m., with action to be taken on the proposed budget at the reconvened regularly scheduled meeting that will follow all published hearings.



Lisa Salmon,  
Recording Secretary

## HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 17, 2019 at 5:25 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield. The purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observation of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Legal notice of the hearing date and time had been published and posted according to State statute.

**Present:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise; **Absent:** None

Hearing closed at 5:30 p.m., with action to be taken at the reconvened regularly scheduled meeting that will follow all published hearings.



Lisa Salmon,  
Recording Secretary

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**September 17, 2019**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, 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.

Call Meeting to Order.

A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, the President 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. All members present.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Johnson, second by Luxford, to approve the September 17, 2019 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Haglund, second by Sorensen, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 13, 2019 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report; and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

E. Public Comment.

F. Additional August Expenditures. Motion by Johnson, second by Sorensen, to approve the August 30, expenditures totaling \$94,766.26 to close out the 2018-19 year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

G. September Expenditures. Motion by Heise, second by Luxford, to approve the September 15, expenditures totaling \$861,994.66 to meet the monthly payroll and accounts payable payment deadline. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

- H. Additional September Expenditures. Motion by Johnson, second by Luxford, to approve the payment of additional September bills on September 30, to meet grant guidelines at an estimated cost of \$60,000. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

- I. Confirm Rhonda Heise as District #4 Representative. Motion by Dowling, second by Reinert, to approve Rhonda Heise as the official representative for ESU #1 Election District #4. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

- J. Opening School Report. Administrator Heimann gave a brief overview of ESU #1 staffing, finances, Tower School enrollment, and challenges facing area school districts.

- K. Adopt 2019-20 Budget. Motion by Reinert, second by Thompson, to adopt the 2019-20 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Robby Thompson, Lana Oswald, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0

- L. Tax Request Resolution.

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Educational Service Unit #1 a/k/a ESU #1 is obligated to pay ongoing expenses and increasing expenditures to operate the agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that it needs to collect more property taxes than it collected in the prior year; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, the Board published notice in a newspaper of general circulation; and

**WHEREAS**, said notice was published at least five days prior to the Board's special meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, said notice included the required items as specific in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1601.02;

**NOW, THEREOFRE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Educational Service Unit #1 a/k/a ESU #1 that the Board has considered and approved the property tax request for the following year, as follows:

1. The amount of the property tax request is \$1,644,645.62.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by .209 percent;
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.014969 per \$100 of assessed value;
4. Educational Service Unit #1 proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.015 per \$100 of assessed value;

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision) will exceed last year's by 3 percent.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member Pinkelman moved for its passage and adoption. Member Haglund seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

**For:** Lana Oswald, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Tom Luxford, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 9-0.

- M. Legislative Resolution 63 Hearing. Administrator Heimann updated the Board on the upcoming Legislative Hearing.

- N. Personnel. The ESU #1 Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes

**Resignation:**

Migrant Education Data Entry Clerk Mirna Camarena, effective August 30, 2019  
Tower Paraeducator Lakyn Allen, effective August 30, 2019

**New Hire:**

Tower Paraeducator Echo Steele, effective September 9, 2019  
Tower Paraeducator Hannah Pritchett, effective September 9, 2019  
Tower Paraeducator Talesha Conner, effective September 17, 2019  
Migrant Education Service Provider/Data Entry Clerk Lizbeth Delgado, effective September 23, 2019

- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, President Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Helen Sorensen, Board Secretary

**Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**