

ESU #1 Board Minutes
Wakefield, NE 68784
August 13, 2019

Student Fee Policy Hearing

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 13, 2019, at 5:25 p.m. at the Central office in Wakefield, NE. The purpose of the special public hearing was to review, discuss, consider, and receive input and suggested modifications to the Student Fee Policy. Notice of the hearing was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the required method for giving notice of hearings.

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

Hearing closed at 5:30 p.m. The regular meeting will be held immediately following the published hearing to take such action as the ESU #1 Board may deem appropriate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa A. Salmon".

Lisa Salmon,
Recording Secretary

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2019

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in an open and public session on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at the ESU #1 Central office in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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. Motion by Johnson, second by Hight, to excuse the absence of member: Lana Oswald. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Johnson, second by Hight, to approve the August 13, 2019 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

D. Consent Agenda (August). Motion by Reinert, second by Heise, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (June 11, 2019 Minutes; Financial Reports; August bills of \$884,946.22 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

E. Public Comment. None.

F. June 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Haglund, second by Sorensen, to confirm the June Treasurer's Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

G. Additional June Grant Checks. Motion by Haglund, second by Sorensen, to approve the additional June 25, expenditures of \$70,934.68 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

H. July Expenditures. Motion by Haglund, second by Sorensen, to approve the July expenditures of \$964,730.48 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

I. Additional July General Fund Expenditures. Motion by Haglund, second by Sorensen, to approve the additional July General Fund expenditures of \$11,453.52 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

J. Additional July Grant Fund Expenditures. Motion by Haglund, second by Sorensen, to approve the additional July Grant Fund expenditures of \$14,788.63 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

K. Additional August Expenditures. Motion by Dowling, second by Sorensen, to authorize expenditures of up to \$450,000 on August 30, 2019 to close out the 2018-19 fiscal year (general fund and grant funds). Any required transfer of funds between programs and/or accounts will not be included in the maximum amount. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- L. September Meeting. Motion by Sorensen, second by Reinert, to move the September 2019 meeting to the third Tuesday, September 17, in combination with the required Budget hearing. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- M. September Expenditures. Motion by Heise, second by Luxford, to authorize the release of September expenditures as scheduled, with a list of bills paid to be presented at the September 17, meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- N. Student Fee Policy. Motion by Johnson, second by Haglund, to approve the current Student Fee Policy with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- O. Anti-Bullying Policy. Motion by Dowling, second by Pinkelman, to approve the current Anti-Bullying Policy with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- P. Distance Education/E-Rate Coordinator Agreement. Motion by Johnson, second by Hight, to approve the 2019-20 Distance Education/E-Rate Coordinator Agreement with ESU #2 in the amount of \$66,500 for 18 participating school districts and ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- Q. Hot Lunch Appointment. Motion by Dowling, second by Sorensen, to name Stuart Clark as the hearing officer and Myrna Wacker Tuttle as the manager of the Tower School hot lunch program. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

- R. Financial Audit Proposal. Motion by Reinert, second by Sorensen, to approve a three-year Financial Audit Proposal presented by Dana F Cole & Company at a cost of \$13,000 for 2018-19, \$13,650 for 2019-20 and \$14,350 for 2020-21. The proposal includes the basic audit and required Single Audit. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- S. Budget Parameters/1% Approval. Motion by Dowling, second by Sorensen, to exceed the budgeted limit for fiscal year 2019-20 by an additional 1%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: (75% of total Board constituting a quorum must approve).
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- T. AdvancED Accreditation. Motion by Hight, second by Johnson, to discontinue with the AdvancED Accreditation model. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.
- U. E-Meeting. Administrator Heimann provided an update on moving the Board to E-Meeting.
- V. Administrator Goals. Administrator Heimann provided a summary of Administrator Goals for the 2018-19 year and tentative goals for 2019-20.
- W. Personnel. Motion by Hight, second by Luxford, to approve, with regret, the letter from Jim Hopkins notifying the Board of his retirement at the end of the 2019-20 contract year or sooner if a suitable replacement is found. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

Classified Staff Changes

New Hire:

Tower Paraeducator Helena Schulz, effective July 8, 2019

Migrant Education Service Provider Laura Nuno, effective August 8, 2019

Resignations:

Tower Paraeducator Kaylee Frey, effective July 19, 2019

Tower Paraeducator Alexis Johnson, effective July 19, 2019

- X. Closed Session. Motion by Dowling, second by Johnson, to move into Closed Session at 6:07p.m. to discuss pending litigation. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Robby Thompson, Traci Haglund, Sally Reinert, Terry Pinkelman, Dave Dowling, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford and Rhonda Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 10-0.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

- Y. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Helen Sorensen, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 17
Budget Hearing @ 5:15
Hearing to Set Final Tax Request @ 5:25
Regular Meeting @ 5:30