

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on September 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield (Conference Room B). 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: Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Kelly Ballinger. **Absent:** Wayne Goeden, Joy Bock and Rich Higgins

Audience: Tom Luxford

Hearing closed at 5:15 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 14, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. at the central office in Wakefield (Conference Room B). 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: Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Kelly Ballinger. **Absent:** Wayne Goeden, Joy Bock and Rich Higgins

Audience: Tom Luxford

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 14, 2010

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Present: Nancy Kirkholm, Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Kelly Ballinger. **Absent:** Wayne Goeden, Joy Bock and Rich Higgins

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: Tom Luxford

Call Meeting to Order. Chairman Dowling duly called the meeting to order.

A. Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

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.

B. Board Member Appointment. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to appoint Tom Luxford as ESU #1 Board Member serving District #3 to fill the vacancy left by Pat Nauroth. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Newly seated member Tom Luxford of Election District #3 completed the Oath of Office and Code of Ethics for ESU #1 Board Members.

C. Board Member Roll Call. Recording secretary completed roll call of board members. Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to excuse the absence of members Wayne Goeden, Joy Bock and Rich Higgins. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

D. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Kirkholm, to approve the September 14, agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

E. Consent Agenda. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (August 10, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, September Bills of \$457,077.82, and Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

F. Public Comment. None

G. Budget Review & Adoption of 2010-11 Budget. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to adopt the 2010-11 Budget as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

H. Property Tax Request. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
Setting the 2010-11 Property Tax Request

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601-02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the governing body of the Educational Service Unit #1 Board passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Educational Service Unit #1 that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Educational Service Unit #1, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2010-11 property tax request be set at \$832,361 (**levy of 0.015**)
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Board on or before October 13, 2010.

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

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

I. MAP Proposal. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to support the MAP assessment by paying the full cost of the assessment fee for Grades 3-8 and one high school grade for the 21 participating districts at an estimated cost of \$52,412 for academic year 2010-11. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- J. Distance Education Agreement. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Boelter, to approve the 2010-11 Distance Education Agreement with ESU #2 as presented to support the coordination of distance learning rooms and maintenance fees for participating ESU #1 districts. The districts will be billed for the cost as outlined by ESU #2. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- K. ESU #1 & #8 Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update of current and future activities/projects involving ESU #8.

- L. Annual Report. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve the 2009-10 Annual Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- M. Additional August Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Dowling, to approve the expenditure of the August 31, bill listing that totaled general fund expenses of \$36,412.12, grant expenses of \$354,932.50 and general fund transfer of \$20,000. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- N. Additional September Grant Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Ballinger, to approve the expenditure of up to \$40,000 in additional grant funds at the end of September to close out the fiscal year of specific grants and meet reporting requirements. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

- O. Personnel. Motion by Ballinger, second by Boelter, to approve the following Personnel changes:
New Hire: Joni Foster-McFee ~ Speech/Language Technician ~ Effective 9-13-10
Contract Amendment: Dori Heitz ~ Speech/Language Pathologist ~ 37 Days to 75 Days
After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve the resignation of Communication Teacher Angela Bennett, effective August 11, 2010. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Kirkholm, Reinert, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Luxford, and Ballinger; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 8-0.

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff changes:
Heidi Meyers (Tower S/P) ~ Resignation ~ Effective 9-15-10
Molly Mitchell (Tower S/P) ~ New Hire ~ Effective 8-31-10

P. Adjournment. There being no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting @ ESU #1 (Wakefield) ~ Tuesday, October 12, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.