

ESU #1 Board Minutes
Wakefield, NE 68784
August 10, 2010

Student Fee Policy Hearing

A public hearing of the ESU #1 Board was held on August 10, 2010, 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.

Present: Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Wayne Goeden and Kelly Ballinger. **Absent:** Nancy Kirkholm (nine members accounted for due to vacancy left by Pat Nauroth from Election District #3)

Audience: Dick Volkman (Ponca Newspaper)

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

Lisa Salmon,
Recording Secretary

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2010

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

Present: Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood, Kelly Ballinger and Nancy Kirkholm (via conference call). **Absent:** Wayne Goeden (nine members accounted for due to vacancy left by Pat Nauroth from Election District #3)

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: Dick Volkman (Ponca Newspaper)

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. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Garwood, to approve the August 10, 2010 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

C. Consent Agenda. Motion by Garwood, second by Boelter, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (June 8, Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, August Bills of \$726,208.98 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

D. Public Comment. None

E. Student Fee Policy. Motion by Reinert, second by Bock, to approve the current ESU #1 Student Fee Policy, with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

F. Anti-Bullying Policy. Motion by Boelter, second by Higgins, to approve the current ESU #1 Anti-Bullying Policy, with no modifications necessary. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

- G. Board Minutes Policy. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the Minutes Policy as outlined in the attachment to these minutes. The attachment is to be considered a part of these minutes as though contained herein. This action constitutes the second reading of the required two for passage of the policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Roll call of attendees at the meeting included the following members being present: Joy Bock, Sally Reinert, Rich Higgins, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Ronnie Wenstrand, Rodney Garwood and Kelly Ballinger. The following members were excused from the meeting: Wayne Goeden and Nancy Kirkholm.

- H. 403(b) Resolution. Motion by Higgins, second by Wenstrand, to approve the following Resolution allowing Dr. Uhing to execute the Plan and take any necessary action on behalf of ESU #1 related to the 403(b) Plan.

The following is a formal record of action taken by the governing body of ESU #1 (the "Company"). With respect to the amendment and restatement of the ESU #1 403(b) Plan (the "Plan") the following resolutions are hereby adopted:

RESOLVED: *That the Plan be amended and restated in the form attached hereto, which Plan is hereby adopted and approved;*

RESOLVED FURTHER: *That the appropriate officers of the Company be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute the Plan on behalf of the Company;*

RESOLVED FURTHER: *That the officers of the Company be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to take any and all actions and execute and deliver such documents as they may deem necessary, appropriate or convenient to effect the foregoing resolutions including, without limitation, causing to be prepared and filed such reports documents or other information as may be required under applicable law.*

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

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

- I. Transition of SRS Project. Motion by Boelter, second by Ballinger, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) presented allowing the transfer of fiscal agent responsibilities for the statewide Student Record System (SRS) from ESU #1 to ESU #17. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

- J. Approve Additional June Grant Checks. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Reinert, to approve the listing of June grant checks totaling \$57,860.33. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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

Board Member Nancy Kirkholm joined the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

- K. Approve June Treasurer's Report. Motion by Dowling, second by Garwood, to approve the June Treasurer's Report as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- L. Approve Additional July Expenditures. Motion by Boelter, second by Higgins, to approve the July expenditures totaling \$728,558.30 as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- M. Hot Lunch Appointments. Motion by Boelter, second by Bock, to approve Stuart Clark as the Hearing Officer and Myrna Wacker Tuttle as the Manager for the Hot Lunch Program at Tower School. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- N. ESUCC Master Services Agreement. Motion by Dowling, second by Reinert, to approve ESU #1's participation in all of the cooperative projects offered by the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council for the 2010-11 school year, and that the Board authorize the Administrator of ESU #1 to sign the Master Services Agreement on behalf of ESU #1. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- O. ESU #1 & #8 Discussions. Administrator Uhing discussed joint projects and planned collaboration with ESU #8 for 2010-11.
- P. Board Member Status. Administrator Uhing reported that Pat Nauroth has withdrawn his name as a candidate for Election District #3 and will not be serving the remainder of his term.
- Q. MAP's Assessment. Administrator Uhing provided an overview of the MAP's Assessment project funded in part by ESU #1 on behalf of the area districts. Additional information and possible action will be presented at the September meeting.
- R. Budget Parameters/1% Approval. Motion by Garwood, second by Ballinger, to exceed the budget limit for fiscal year 2010-11 by an additional 1%. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.
- S. Additional August Bills. Motion by Garwood, second by Ballinger, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$50,000 on August 31, 2010 to close out the 2009-10 fiscal year (General Fund). In addition, the Board approves the expenditure of an estimated \$375,000 in grant funds required to close out the fiscal year of individual grants and meet the reporting period requirements. A report of final expenditures will be presented at the September meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

- T. Negotiations. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to approve the Addendum to the Master Agreement as it relates to changes in health insurance, authorized leave and expense reimbursement and to approve the 2010-11 Classified Staff Proposal as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

Motion by Garwood, second by Dowling, to approve the 2010-11 wages as presented for EDN staff, ECPD Coordinator, COTA, Tower school nurse and central office custodian. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

- U. Personnel. Motion by Higgins, second by Wenstrand, to approve the following contract amendments for the 2010-11 academic year: Sp/Lg Pathologist Jessica Fischer (113 to 148 days), ECSE/Communication Teacher Jennifer Bensen (113 to 185 days), Communication Teacher Jenna McAfee (113 to 185 days), School Psychologist/ILCD Coordinator Shelly Skogstad (190 to 195 days), School Psychologist Nicole Pritchard (124 to 190 days) and to approve the following contracts for the 2010-11 academic year: Preschool Teacher Peggy Nelson (185 days) and School Psychologist Stacie Hardy (133 days). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

Motion by Dowling, second by Boelter, to accept the resignation of Sp/Lg Pathologist Caitlin Babbitt. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Bock, Reinert, Higgins, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Ballinger and Kirkholm;
Against: None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion carried:** 9-0.

The Board was informed of the following Classified staff new hires: Preschool Paraeducator Christine Jensen, Bilingual Paraeducator Ivon Martinez, EDN Coordinator Kimberly Rose and BD Paraeducator Kayla Messerole.

- V. Adjournment. There being no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 14, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

Bylaws of the Board – Meetings

Members, by assuming office, also assume the responsibility for attending all meetings whether regular, special, or adjourned. Vacancies in office shall occur in the case of absences, unless excused by a majority of the remaining members of the board, when a member is absent from the geographical boundaries of Educational Service Unit #1 for a continuous period of sixty days at one time or from more than two consecutive regular meetings of the board. Board members will be eligible for excused absences if any of the following conditions are met:

- 1) Absent because of work/employment considerations;
- 2) Absent because of personal or family issues;
- 3) Absent because of extended vacation.

In all cases the board member must notify the administrator or board president, prior to the board meeting, with the reason for the absence in order to be considered for an excused absence.