

**ESU #1 BOARD MEETING**  
**March 14, 2017**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

**Present:** Rodney Garwood, Tom Luxford, Rhonda Heise, Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Sally Reinert, Jeff Messersmith, Dave Dowling, Fred Boelter, Helen Sorensen, Lana Oswald and Ronnie Wenstrand.

**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.

Audience: None

Call 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 site.

B. Board Member Roll Call. All members present.

C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Sorensen, second by Messersmith, to approve the March 14, 2017 agenda as presented. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

D. Consent Agenda. Motion by Wenstrand, second by Luxford, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (February 14, 2017 Minutes; Financial Reports; Treasurer's Report, March Bills totaling \$767,899.37 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

E. Public Comment. None

F. Verification of Successful Teaching. Motion by Boelter, second by Reinert, to approve the Successful Teaching of the following ESU #1 staff whose certificate will expire on August 31, 2017: Sp/Lg Pathologists ~ Wendy Consoli, Jenna McAfee & Juliana Paquette; School Psychologists ~ Jennifer Pattee, Nicole Swain & Karen Wall; ECSE Teachers ~ Lynn Sullivan & Megan Pratt; and Transition Coordinator ~ Jim Gunsolley. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

**For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.

- G. Core Service Projections. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the Core Service funding reduction that will occur this year and reinstatement of funds for 2017-18.
- H. Network Nebraska Update. Administrator Uhing reported that the bandwidth through Network Nebraska would be increasing from 4.250gb to 5.250gb at a minimal increase in cost. Information related to the statewide participation in ADVISER and Single Sign On (SSO) was presented.
- I. Priority School Update. Administrator Uhing provided a brief update on the status of the work being done at Santee Public School. The District has started the superintendent search process. As support to the District, Administrator Uhing will assist and participate in the process as requested by Santee and NDE.
- J. Central Office Construction Update. Administrator Uhing provided an update on the project.
- K. Craig Pease Contract. Motion by Garwood, second by Reinert, to accept the contract with Craig Pease who will be working with Santee Public School on their budget and financial reports at a rate of \$35/hour. The contract will be paid by the Native American Consortium funds. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.
- L. ESU #2 Contract. Motion by Garwood, second by Messersmith, to approve a contract with ESU #2 that will support grant writing and work with school counselors related to the reVISION process at an estimated cost of \$13,863. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:
- For:** Sorensen, Reinert, Messersmith, Dowling, Boelter, Wenstrand, Garwood, Johnson, Luxford, Oswald and Heise; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 11-0.
- M. AdvancED Schedule. The final schedule for the March 19-22, AdvancED visit was presented and discussed.
- N. Personnel. Information Only ~ Tower Paraeducator Mary Bartels was hired on February 20, 2017.
- O. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, Chairman Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Secretary

Ronnie Wenstrand, Board Secretary

**Next Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 5:30 p.m.**