

ESU #1 BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2020

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in an open and public session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at ESU #1 in Wakefield, Nebraska.

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

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 Vice-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 Hight, second by Luxford, to excuse the absence of members: Lana Oswald, Dave Dowling and Rhonda Heise. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

- C. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Reinert, second by Haglund, to approve the January 14, 2020 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

- D. Reorganization of the Board. Bill Heimann was appointed to lead the meeting through the nomination of Board officers. Dave Dowling was nominated by Johnson for the position of President. As there were no further nominations from the floor, Dowling was elected as President by acclamation.

Adrian (AJ) Johnson was nominated by Pinkelman for the position of Vice-President for 2020. As there were no further nominations from the floor, Johnson was elected as Vice-President by acclamation.

In the absence of President Dowling, Vice-President Johnson conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Helen Sorensen was nominated by Reinert for the position of Secretary. As there were no further nominations from the floor, Sorensen was elected as Secretary by acclamation.

- E. Board Member Code of Ethics. Motion by Sorensen, second by Reinert, to affirm the Board Code of Ethics as presented and outlined in Article 1 of the ESU #1 Board Policy. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

- F. Consent Agenda. Motion by Luxford, second by Sorensen, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided (December 10, 2019 Minutes; Financial Reports; January bills of \$875,446.98 and the Administrator's Report). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

- G. Public Comment. None.

- H. Appoint Standing Committee. A draft of the proposed Standing Committees for 2019 was presented (see below). Board members were asked to contact the President if they are interested in serving on a specific committee. The final appointments will be made by President Dowling.

Insurance - Rhonda Heise, A.J. Johnson, Terry Pinkelman
Board Policy - Sally Reinert, Dave Dowling, Tom Luxford
Negotiations - Helen Sorensen, Dave Dowling, Traci Haglund
Building and Grounds - Tucker Hight, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman
Legislative - Rhonda Heise, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson
Mutual Concerns - Lana Oswald, A.J. Johnson, Traci Haglund

The President serves as an Ex-Officio member of all committees

- I. Position Appointments. Motion by Luxford, second by Sorensen, to increase the rate of compensation for the Recording Secretary from \$50/meeting to \$75/meeting. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

Motion by Reinert, second by Pinkelman, to approve the remaining position assignments for 2020 as outlined (see below). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

Position Assignments:

Ex-Officio Treasurer:.....Stuart Clark (\$1/Annual)

Attorney of Record:Rex Schultze (Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford Law Firm)

Primary Depository:.....BankFirst

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

- J. Designate Newspapers of Record. Motion by Haglund, second by Sorensen to name the newspapers listed below as the 2020 ESU #1 Newspapers of Record.
Wayne Herald, Cedar County News, Dakota County Star, Nebraska Journal Leader, Pender Times, Knox County News and the Wakefield Republican.
After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

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- K. Government Relations Network Representative. Motion by Thompson, second by Sorensen, to name Lana Oswald as the ESU #1 Legislative Relations Network representative for 2020. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

- L. Legislative Update. Administrator Heimann provided the Board with a current legislative update.

- M. Financial Audit 2019. The 2019 DRAFT audit has been reviewed and the final report will be available to the Board in February.

- N. Electronic Board Meetings. The template for ESU #1 meetings has been created by NASB and the next step is training for the Board. Administrator Heimann will look at training to take place for the Board in March or April.

- O. Personnel. Motion by Luxford, second by Reinert, to approve the personnel changes as noted below. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

For: Adrian (AJ) Johnson, Helen Sorensen, Sally Reinert, Robby Thompson, Tom Luxford, Terry Pinkelman, Traci Haglund and Tucker Hight; **Against:** None; **Not Voting:** None; **Motion Carried:** 8-0.

Resignations/Retirements (Certified):

Transition Specialist Jim Gunsolley (retirement) at end of 2019-20 contract year

Speech/Language Pathologist Anna Dawson (resignation) at end of 2019-20 contract year

Speech/Language Pathologist Caleb Wiegmann (resignation) at end of 2019-20 contract year

New Hire/Resignations (Classified ~ FYI Only):

Speech/Language Paraeducator Tyler Prauner (hire) effective January 6, 2020

ME Service Provider Veronica Reyes Herwig (hire) effective January 13, 2020
ME Service Provider Lizbeth Delgado (resignation) effective January 20, 2020

- P. Adjournment. As there were no additional agenda items, President Dowling declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Helen Sorensen, Board Secretary

Next Meeting ~ Tuesday, February 11, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.