MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING December 15, 2016

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, held its regular meeting at the Office Building in Holdrege, Nebraska on December 15, 2016 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, Lorenda Forbes, Machelle Havenridge, Linda Leising, Susan Perry, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, and Gary Smidt.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on December 15, 2016 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of December 5, 2016 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN during that same week. The Public Notice also stated that a current agenda of items to be brought before the Board was available for public inspection in the office of ESU #11 and that reasonable accommodations for individuals with special needs who want to attend the meeting would be provided on request, if sufficient advance notice is given.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to excuse the absence of David Fleischmann. Vote as follows: Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 21, 2016 and the special meeting held on December 12, 2016 were approved on a motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Gary Smidt. Vote as follows: Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for November 2016. Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Craig Philips, that the General Fund Financial Report be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, that the December 2016 General Fund claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$147,922.79 and the November 2016 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$225,800.68. Vote as follows: Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The following visitors were present Janelle Jack, Coordinator of Gifted Program.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, discussed that the District Board positions that need appointments. Motion by Kevin Breece, second by Linda Leising to appoint Susan Perry to serve Director District 4 and Nate Stineman to serve Director District 8. Vote as follows: Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

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Dr. Tedesco reviewed the minutes of the Superintendents Advisory Committee meeting held on December 7, 2016.

The Board Policy of Article 3, Section 11, Pupil Transportation – Safe Pupil Transportation Plan was reviewed by the Board Members. Motion by Kevin Breece, second by Linda Leising to keep the policy with no changes made. Vote as follows: Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Gary Smidt, to accept with deep regret the resignation/retirement of K-8 Counselor, Patti Tedesco. Vote as follows: Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Coordinator, talked about the success of Give to Grow. The campaign raised \$4210 for Summer Honors. She also discussed the progress of the Summer Honors Advisory Group. They are moving forward with an Agriculture class, hoping to employ a local Agriculture Teacher who will be the guide for the two weeks. The vision is to run it very similar to the way Medical Science is run, visiting different locations instead of a lot of sitting for the students. It was suggested by Doug Walters to have NET come and do a segment on Summer Honors, but instead there has already been contact with Nebraska Loves Public Schools, and they are hoping to have them develop a film for us. She also visited about the Medical Science Class for SHP, and the 40th Anniversary Celebration. It was decided to have an advisory committee for the Agriculture Class similar to the one that has been developed for Medical Science. She also stated she was close to finishing her Master's Degree in Gifted Education.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, to enter Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. Vote as follows: Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to exit Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. Vote as follows: Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Craig Philips, to approve a certified contract for 2017-18 and 2018-19 with a 4.47 % increase for each year. Vote as follows: Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on January 16, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Richard Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary