

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2017**

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 August 21, 2017 with the following members present: David Fleischmann, Mabelle Havenridge, Linda Leising, Susan Perry, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Kevin Breece was absent.

Notification was made of the open meetings law.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on August 21, 2017 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of August 7, 2017 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN on August 9, 2017. 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 Gary Smidt, seconded by Craig Philips, to excuse the absence of Kevin Breece. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Mabelle Havenridge, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the hearing minutes held on July 17, 2017 as printed. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, abstain. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 1 absent.

Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for July 2017. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Craig Philips, that the General Fund Financial Reports be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Linda Leising, that the July 2017 expenses after the Board Meeting in the amount of \$206,428.68 and the August 2017

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General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$91,319.20 be approved for payment. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes from the ESUCC Meeting held on July 26, 2017.

Dr. Barnes discussed the process of accepting an offer for the New View building in Oxford. He reminded the Board when an offer is made, 75% of the Board must vote in favor. This item will remain on the agenda in case an offer is made after the Board Meeting packet has been sent to the Board members.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Nate Stineman, to accept the resolution to raise restricted funds (property tax) portion of the general fund budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by the allowable rate of one percent, in accordance with the provisions set forth in LB 299. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Kim Scoville, to designate KSB Law Firm as legal counsel for ESU #11 for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to accept the ESUCC Lease Agreement for 2017-2019 contract years. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that the Nebraska Statewide Assessment continues to see many changes during the coming year. For the English Language Arts assessment it is likely that the percentage of students who are proficient in the school/district ELA assessment will be different than the other NeSA Assessments. The rigor of the assessments was increased to reflect the increase rigor of the College and Career Readiness ELA Standards. Changes in proficiency do not reflect poorly on students or teachers. The new ELA assessment raises the bar, and curriculum and instruction must be adjusted to meet these increased expectations on the College and Career Readiness ELA Standards. At this time, NDE is uncertain how ELA scores will work within the AQuESTT Accountability System, but has decided to temporarily use three levels of proficiency. NDE is in the process of revising the Nebraska Science Standards. The new standards will reflect the Next Generation Science Standards and will be very different than what teachers and students are used to seeing. These standards

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incorporate science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and crosscutting concepts at all grade levels. Jody and Kate will be using the PLCs to help prepare teachers for this change. NDE Science Consultant, Sara Cooper, will be on site to assist several days in September and October. The state assessments will also be the focus of the first principal meeting so administrators are aware of the significant changes before the PLCs begin.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that the ESU hosted a GOLD Training on August 18th with 32 attendees. The ESU 11 staff will be working more collaboratively with the district staff to assist in the documentation and data collection for the GOLD assessment standards. Lona informed the Board that ESU 11's NDE Regional Rep from the Department of Special Education resigned to take a position at Lincoln Public Schools. NDE is exploring options for supporting ESUs and school districts. For now, NDE will not be replacing a Regional Rep but are asking those regions to seek support from NDE staff with expertise in certain areas. Lona will also be scheduling quarterly special education meetings with ESU 11 districts to assist in working through specific areas of need and support. Lastly, the Final Financial reports are due on October 31st so she will be requesting financial information from the districts to begin generating reports for submission to NDE.

Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reminded the Board of the special meeting/budget work session being held on August 28th. He plans to review some historical information, discuss recommended changes to this year's budget and make a recommendation for the tax levy. Dr. Barnes reported that the ESU opening days with staff went well and everyone enjoyed the team building activities.

The next special meeting (budget work session) of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will occur on August 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 and the 2017-2018 Budget/Property Tax Hearings will be held on September 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

David Fleischmann called the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Breece, Board Secretary