

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2018**

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU 11, held its regular monthly meeting at the Office Building in Holdrege, Nebraska on January 15, 2018 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, David Fleischmann, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Richard Phillips 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 January 15, 2018 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU 11 during the week of January 1, 2018 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 Kevin Breece, seconded by Craig Philips, to excuse the absence of Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next item on the agenda called for the election of officers to serve a one-year term of office on the Board. The offices to be filled were President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Linda Leising, to keep the officers the same as the 2017 year: David Fleischmann, President; Richard Phillips, Vice President; Kevin Breece, Secretary; and Elizabeth Piening, Treasurer. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Appointment of Board Members to Negotiation, Budget, and Policy committees: No action taken as committee assignments have been approved through 2019-2020.

Board President, David Fleischmann, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from December 18, 2017. No questions

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were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from December 2017 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the 2016-2017 audit report for ESU 11 from the auditing firm of Romans, Wiemer & Associates. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Dr. Barnes presented information to the Board regarding state statutes of Nebraska pertaining to Conflicts of Interest policies and laws.

The ESU 11 Board Code of Ethics was presented to the Board Members and signed by those present.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Craig Philips, to designate KSB School Law as the ESU 11 legal counsel. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the designated banks and accounts as presented, and to authorize ESU 11 Administrator, Greg Barnes, and ESU 11 Treasurer, Elizabeth Piening, as authorized signers for all Non-General Fund accounts. Further, to have the ESU 11 Chairperson, David Fleischmann, Board Secretary, Kevin Breece, alternate board member, Craig Philips, and Administrator, Greg Barnes (alternate) as authorized signees for the ESU 11 General Fund checks from Great Western Bank. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the Newspapers of Record as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported to the Board that ESU 11 has started advertising for a full-time school psychologist. She will start reviewing applications on January 29, which is after the UNK School Psychologist Intern Interview Day. Lona informed the Board she has been asked to present at NDE's

Transition Conference scheduled for February 27 and 28 in Kearney. Jami Garey, ESU 11 Transition Coordinator, sent save the date information for this conference to the school districts. Last, Lona will be working to set up time to speak to senators during the NASES Legislative Conference on February 1 and 2 in Lincoln.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board that the E-Rate filing window opened January 11, and closes March 22. He filed Form 471s for Charter-Spectrum services at seven school districts, resulting in \$33,000 of savings. Wade is working on E-Rate RFPs for six other districts to replace end-of-life access points as well as additional switches. He is also coordinating an E-Rate RFP for network equipment at Arapahoe's new building. Next, Wade noted that the ESU 11 Annual Survey started on January 15, with 942 email invitations sent to complete the survey. Wade also showed the Board a brief demonstration of the new network-monitoring tool, PRTG. The technology department has been running this tool since December and has already found tremendous value in the information it has provided. Last, Wade mentioned that the ESU 11 district Librarians would be in the office for a meeting on January 24.

Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reported that money was put into CD's with the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund. Dr. Barnes also updated the Board of pertinent legislative bills.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Machel Havenridge, to enter into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss personnel negotiations. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

David Fleischmann, Board President, restated the reason to enter executive session is to discuss personnel negotiations.

Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Gary Smidt, to exit Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on February 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. David Fleischmann, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Breece, Board Secretary