

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

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 October 15, 2018 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, Kim Scoville, and Gary Smidt. David Fleischmann, Richard Phillips, and Nate Stineman were absent.

Notification was made of the open meetings law. The open meeting laws were on display throughout the Board Meeting.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on October 15, 2018 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of October 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 Gary Smidt, seconded by Craig Philips, to excuse the absences of David Fleischmann, Richard Phillips, and Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Board Secretary, Kevin Breece, asked the board members if they had any questions on the minutes from the Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and regular Board Meeting held on September 17, 2018. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from September 2018 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to appoint Greg Barnes as the state and federal programs administrator for ESU 11. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes;

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Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Dr. Barnes displayed the 2017-18 ESU 11 Annual Report brochure. The annual report is a summary for NDE and patrons to review.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, has been working on completing Birth to Five and School-Age Final Financials for districts. The ESU completes Final Financials for twelve of the thirteen schools in the ESU 11 district. On October 10, ESU 11 hosted a Targeted Improvement Plan workday for the districts. NDE assisted in facilitating the day by discussing the changes to the Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities website and answered questions regarding the next submission due on December 1. Last, Lona reported that the Staff Development and Special Education departments are working together to host Jane Byers, Consultant with NDE, to work with district teams on learning and building the Multi-Tiered System of Support teams. This is a problem-solving team that looks at student performance data and aligns support for students based on needs.

Dr. Barnes reported on behalf of Jody Bauer, Technology Curriculum Consultant, that Minden C.L. Jones added a second team to the Cohort 2 Blended Learning Statewide Pilot Project. Teachers attended a summer training day in July to go over a two-year plan and explore Blended Learning practices. Jody has added a Blended Learning Cohort #4 consisting of ten teachers from the ESU 11 districts. This cohort will help teachers combine traditional face to face learning with online learning to help meet students' needs. Next, Jody continues to support ESU 11 schools with Digital Citizenship. She has presented to parents on Digital Well-Being for all ages and how to model healthy digital habits for their children. Jody continues to help with tech support and trainings for schools based on their needs as well as assists Kate Hatch with PLCs.

Dr. Barnes informed the Board that one evaluation must be completed for the Administrator according to state requirements. He also reported on the August Superintendent's Advisory Meeting and talked about moving up the Master Service Agreement deadline in order to better prepare for interviews if needs are increased. Dr. Barnes noted that the STEM Lab project would be named ESU 11 CSI (Create, Solve, Innovate). He also talked about the fund raising process for these labs. Last, Dr. Barnes has discussed with Superintendents an opportunity to bring school board members and ESU board members together for training on Special Education. He hopes this training will help to explain many of the rules that schools need to abide.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Craig Philips, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on November 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Breece, Board Secretary