

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2019**

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 February 18, 2019. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Chris Erickson and Craig Philips were 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 February 18, 2019 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU 11 during the week of February 4, 2019 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 Machelles Havenridge, to excuse the absence of Chris Erickson and Craig Philips. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Chris Erickson arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the January 28, 2019 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Dr. Barnes updated the Board on the progress of raising funds for the CSI Lab. He would like to raise another \$5,000 before purchasing equipment, but believes it is an attainable goal to have the lab out in two districts this semester. Dr. Barnes expressed his interest in hiring a lab coordinator and received the Board's approval to hire when a candidate is found.

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Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Kim Scoville, to accept the resignation of school nurse, Cheryl Reed, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Authorized signees for the ESU 11 General Fund were asked to sign the bank signature forms.

Absent Board members for the January Board Meeting signed the ESU 11 Board Code of Ethics.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, attended the NASES Legislative Conference on February 14 and 15 in Lincoln. This conference allows Directors of Special Education to meet with State Senators to share their knowledge about special education and the costs. Lona reported that three ESU 11 districts would be monitored this year with the new monitoring process, which will be a learning opportunity for ESU 11 and our districts. This will be a three-year system with different components incorporated each year. The first phase involves a district self-assessment of current system practices, self-assessment of Indicator 13, which looks at secondary transition, and a review of policies and procedures. Lona informed the Board that the NDE Transition Conference is on February 26 and 27 in Kearney. She will present a session at the conference. Prior to the transition conference is a one-day Train the Trainers workshop for transition assessments. ESU 11 is sending Jamie Love, Transition Coordinator, and a Wilcox-Hildreth teacher to the workshop. They will then provide training this summer to ESU 11 special education teachers who serve transition age students.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that she has been working with Lona Nelson-Milks to help districts implement MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support). MTSS is a framework that many schools use to provide targeted support to struggling students. These students may be participating in the general or the special education program. It screens all students and aims to address behavioral as well as academic issues. The goal is to intervene early so students can catch up with their peers. Consultants from NDE have come to ESU 11 four times this year to provide guidance to eleven schools that wish to implement MTSS. The final meeting will be held in April. During this time Lona and Kate will help districts analyze their benchmark trend data and have discussions as to whether it would be beneficial for them to participate in professional development designed to address the needs of improving core instruction with all students. This work will not only benefit students, it will help schools meet the requirements of the Reading Improvement Act, which will go into effect in the 2019-2020 school year.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, shared with the board that Arapahoe has contracted additional technology consulting from ESU 11. He is also working on filing E-Rate forms and has added Holdrege and Loomis this year. Wade has

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been working on E-Rate Category 2 applications for Axtell and Cambridge recently. The Librarians' meeting was held on January 23 in Bertrand; many of the participants appreciated the opportunity to see what other school libraries offered and can take some ideas back to their district. Last, the LAN Managers meeting is coming up on March 13 and will be held at ESU 11.

Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reported on the annual survey results. The survey went out to ESU 11 school personnel requesting input on the quality of services provided as well as future needs they might have that the ESU could help with. Dr. Barnes also reported that the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council hired a new administrator, Kraig Lofquist from ESU 9, effective July 1. Kate Hatch and Dr. Barnes attended the ESU day at the Capitol on February 13 where they shared information about our program offerings and presented the Hololens for Senators to experiment with. Dr. Barnes thanked the Board for attending the SPED 101 Presentation and thought the session was beneficial for all school board members. Last, Dr. Barnes reported that the Master Service Agreements with ESU 11 districts were due on February 15. A few districts are working on staffing but he hopes to have all contracts finalized soon.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on March 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Oman, Board Secretary