

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2013**

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, NE on August 19, 2013 with the following members present: Karen Duncan, Susan Perry, Kathy Whitten, Gary Smidt, Ann Rodhouse, Richard Phillips, David Fleischmann, Lorenda Forbes and Marilyn Winkler. The following members were absent: Linda Leising (arrived at 7:13 p.m.).

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 19, 2013 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of August 5, 2013 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN on August 7, 2013. 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 David Fleischmann, seconded by Ann Rodhouse, to approve the absence of Linda Leising. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on June 17, 2013 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for June and July 2013. Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, that the General Fund Financial Reports be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Linda Leising, ESU Board Member, arrived at 7:13 p.m.

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Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Ann Rodhouse, to rescind previous motion to excuse the absence of Linda Leising. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by David Fleischmann, that the July 2013 General Fund Claims for Payment in the amount of \$468,010.08 and the August 2013 General Fund Claims for Payment in the amount of \$430,843.93 be approved for payment. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

The following visitors were present: Craig Peterson, Media/Technology Coordinator and Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Services Coordinator.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Kathy Whitten, to approve Ann Rodhouse, ESU Board Member, as an alternate signee, along with Susan Perry, ESU Board Member, and Paul Tedesco, ESU 11 Administrator, for the ESU 11 General Fund Account. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Richard Phillips, to approve the designated banks for ESU 11 as listed in Attachment I as well as ESU 11 Administrator Paul Tedesco and ESU 11 Treasurer Elizabeth Piening as authorized signers for those accounts, excluding the ESU 11 General Fund Account. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Linda Leising, to approve Karen Duncan, ESU Board President, and Kathy Whitten, ESU Board Secretary, as authorized signees for the ESU 11 General Fund Account. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

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Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Kathy Whitten, to set Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the budget public hearings that must be held prior to adopting the 2013-2014 General Fund budget and to set the public hearing to set the tax request and levy for ESU #11 for Monday, September 16, 2013, following the budget hearing. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Kathy Whitten, to accept the resolution to raise restricted funds (property tax) portion of the general fund budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year by the allowable rate of one percent, in accordance with the provisions set forth in LB 299. Roll Call Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented to the Board a preliminary review of the 2013-2014 budget. He also presented a comparison study of ESU Budgets from 2010 to the current year.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Susan Perry, to designate the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund as the depository for ESU #11 Bond Insurance Fund receipts for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to designate Karen Haase of Harding & Schultz Law Firm as legal counsel for ESU #11 for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on the Holdrege ESU Up4Kids Preschool repair process.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, informed the Board on the need to repair the ESU Up4Kids Preschool roof and presented three bids he had received. Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Gary Smidt, to accept the lowest bid received contingent upon work reference checks being acceptable, if they are not, the item will be brought

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before the Board for another vote on the remaining companies. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on preparations and repairs that have been done at ESU New View School in Oxford.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, and the ESU Board had discussion on the ESU 11 Building Depreciation Fund versus the ESU 11 General Fund.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Services Coordinator, reported to the Board that she has been going to schools and assisting them in the HAL report process for the state. Six schools have completed their reports at this time. Janelle also handed out a schedule of all the upcoming activities in the Gifted Department for the 2013-14 school year.

Craig Peterson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board that the Media Center and his office were painted over the summer. He also reported that Wade has been busy making technology updates out in the schools to include wireless upgrades for Loomis (12 access points), Elwood (18 access points, 2 switches, and 4 post server racks), Wilcox-Hildreth (42 access points), Alma (wireless at the football field), Minden (VLANed network, updated switch firmware) and 10 Fortinet Firewall schools to include one for ESU 11. Equipment flow through for these projects totaled about \$58,000. Included in upgrades this summer was circuit upgrades for Arapahoe, Cambridge, Eustis-Farnam, and Southern Valley with Southern Valley getting fiber service to their door instead of maintaining ten miles of fiber from Oxford. Craig also updated the Board on the installation of the Learning Object Repository called Safari Montage to be utilized for the delivery of video over the Internet. He also updated the Board on COOP purchasing and some of the delivery issues with furniture this year.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 and the 2013-2014 Budget/Property Tax Hearings will be held on September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Whitten  
Board Secretary