

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING**  
**November 18, 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 UP 4 Kids building located at 301 East Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on November 18, 2013 with the following members present: Karen Duncan, Marilyn Winkler, Kathy Whitten, Susan Perry, Richard Phillips, Gary Smidt, Ann Rodhouse, Linda Leising, and Lorenda Forbes. David Fleischmann was absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on November 18, 2013 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of November 4, 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 Kathy Whitten, seconded by Marilyn Winkler, to excuse the absence of David Fleischmann. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on October 22, 2013 were approved as printed.

Board of Educational Service Unit #11 took a tour of the UP 4 Kids Preschool. Also program presentations were made to the Board by Betty Jo Goodell and Barb Long, both Preschool teachers.

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

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Marilyn Winkler, that the November 2013 General Fund claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$356,079.90 as presented. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann

Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes of the Superintendents Advisory Committee meeting held on October 23, 2013.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Marilyn Winkler, to approve and accept the second reading of revised ESU 11 Board Policy Article 4, Personnel. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Marilyn Winkler, to approve the first reading of revised ESU 11 Board Policy Article 3, Services and Operations; Section 4, Funds Management. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Marilyn Winkler, seconded by Lorenda Forbes to accept the resignation of New View Paraeducator, Lisa Robertson. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on the Technology Bond.

Motion made by Ann Rodhouse, seconded by Kathy Whitten to approve the 2014-2015 EHA Insurance Plan selection. ESU 11 will offer the \$500 and \$1,650 deductible health insurance options in 2014-2015. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Gary Smidt to approve and accept the 2014 Seven Passenger Grand Caravan SXT bid from Janssen Auto Group. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, informed the Board on partnering with the Phelps County Community Foundation to fund renovations for the Holdrege UP 4 Kids Preschool.

Stephanie Dannehl, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, has spent a lot of time in the schools helping teachers and students. In Loomis, Stephanie has worked with the 4th grade class. The students learned how to login with their gmail address and create documents in Google Drive. The students have also participated in Mystery Skypes.

Mystery Skype is an educational game, invented by teachers, played by two classrooms on Skype. The aim of the game is to guess the location of the other classroom by asking each other questions. Stephanie has also been working with the 4th grade students in Bertrand. They learned how to login using their gmail address and created a Google Presentation on a planet that they researched. Students learned how to insert text, photos, and videos into their presentations. Stephanie has also been working with teachers.

Understanding MAP reports, Google Calendar, GMail, and iPads are a few of the in-services Stephanie has facilitated this fall.

Wade Gibson, Technology Consultant, reported to board on recent projects in the Media/Technology area. This included the new management and analyzer software for the Fortinet firewalls that were installed this summer. Craig and Wade will be attending a NOC training to learn more about these tools. Wade also reported about recent wireless installs as well as a new server install at Elwood. Wade reported that they had good attendance at the recent LAN Managers' meeting as well as Tech Talk Tuesday.

Jane Moody, Director of Special Education Services, reported to the Board that the Special Education School Age Final Financial Reports have been submitted for twelve of the ESU 11 school districts. The Minden School District completes and submits their own report. Jane also informed the Board that the Region 11 Planning Team is sponsoring a movie, 'The Boarder', and training by Jane Ryan on November 21 and 22. The movie and training are about Reactive Attachment Disorder. Planning Region Team 10 and Early Learning Connections are contributing funds for both the movie and training. Jane ended her report by stating that eight ESU 11 school districts will complete their Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities (ILCD) self-assessment during the 2013-2014 school year. Jill Weatherly, NDE Special Education Consultant, will visit school district ILCD teams to review their self-assessment.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Transition Coordinator, reported on an incident that occurred at a work site, which has raised some questions about liability of damage to business property. Dr. Tedesco, Jane, and Lona have been working with the ESU 11 lawyer and insurance company to address the liability issues. They want to provide accurate information to school districts, families, and businesses in order to meet the needs of everyone involved. Lona also emailed Transition Specialist at other ESUs and is working with NDE to gather information to assist in this process. Lona also reported that the Career Search and Investigate workshop was held on October 30, 2013, at the Hastings CCC campus. A total of 65 students attended the workshop. Lona informs she will be looking at new transition materials to order. No new assessments have been ordered for four years.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Services Coordinator, reported to the Board about attending the NAGC Convention in Indianapolis. She also shared about starting the Unit Wide Book Project and has chosen Michael Vey and 1984 as the first two books to start with. Quiz Bowl season has finally started and the Gifted Department has over twenty teams scheduled. Janelle informed the Board that Bertrand, Loomis, and Elwood have been added as schools that the Gifted Department visits and does school wide enrichment with. Janelle also reported that the VEX Robotics Workshop will be held on November 20 at the ESU 11 office building.

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Motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations at 7:13 p.m. Motion made by Ann Rodhouse, seconded by Kathy Whitten. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion to come out of Closed Session at 7:31 p.m. Motion made by Kathy Whitten, seconded by Linda Leising. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Linda Leising, to accept with deep regrets the resignation of Ann Rodhouse, Director of District 3 Board Member. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Marilyn Winkler, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kathy Whitten, yes; Ann Rodhouse, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on December 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Whitten, Board Secretary