

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
December 16, 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, Nebraska on December 16, 2013 with the following members present: Karen Duncan, Susan Perry, Gary Smidt, Richard Phillips, Lorenda Forbes, and David Fleishmann. Kathy Whitten, Linda Leising, and Marilyn Winkler were absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on December 16, 2013 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of December 2, 2013 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 Dave Fleishmann, seconded by Gary Smidt, to excuse the absence of Kathy Whitten, Linda Leising, and Marilyn Winkler. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleishmann, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 18, 2013 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for November 2013. Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by David Fleishmann, that the General Fund Financial Report be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleishmann, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by David Fleishmann, seconded by Richard Phillips, that the December 2013 General Fund claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$379,953.40 as presented. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleishmann, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

The following visitors were present: Craig Peterson, Media/Technology Coordinator and Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development.

ESU #11 placed an advertisement for the District 3 vacancy in the Holdrege Daily Citizen. Discussion and selection of the Board Committee took place to interview

candidates for the replacement of the District 3 Board Member. It was the consensus of the Board to appoint Karen Duncan, Gary Smidt, Richard Phillips, and Dave Fleishmann as the committee to meet with interested candidates and then bring a recommendation to the Board.

Craig, Wade, Steph, and Kate had the opportunity to present at the AESA Conference in San Antonio at the beginning of the month. Their presentation entitled "You Can Lead Schools With Data but Can You Make Them Think?" showcased how the ESU 11 Leadership Team has used free Web 2.0 tools such as Google Sites and Google Drive to collect and organize data for our school improvement process. They also discussed how they have begun sharing pieces of this data with our schools in an attempt to initiate conversations among stakeholders regarding instruction and best practice. Approximately 50 people from across the state attended their session.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes of the Superintendents Advisory Committee meeting held on December 11, 2013.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to accept second reading and adoption of the revised ESU 11 Board Policy Article 3, Services and Operations, Section 4, Funds Management. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleishmann, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes from the November 20, 2013 ESUCC meeting.

Motion made by Dave Fleishmann, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the first reading of revised ESU Board Policy Article 3, Services and Operations, Section 7, Management of Property, Item H, Computer Acceptable Use Policy. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleishmann, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Craig Peterson, Media/Technology Coordinator, elaborated on agenda item updates dealing with Coop purchasing and Identity management. He then updated the board during Departmental reports on the evaluation of a new phone system that will be purchased out of the Technology Bond. He also explained some of the requirements of the new phone system and how it would affect filing for USF funds along with some of the additional feature sets that would be added. Craig then updated the Board on the status of the ESU coordinating new contracts for ten of the schools and the Service Unit themselves for telecommunication circuits.

Motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations at 7:05 p.m. Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Gary Smidt. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleishmann, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion to come out of Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. Motion made by Dave Fleishmann, seconded by Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan

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Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleishmann, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on January 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Whitten, Board Secretary