

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2014**

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 January 20, 2014 with the following members present: Karen Duncan, Susan Perry, Gary Smidt, Richard Phillips, Linda Leising, Lorenda Forbes, and David Fleischmann. Kathy Whitten and Marilyn Winkler were absent.

Notification was made of the Open Meetings Law.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Gary Smidt, to excuse the absence of board members Kathy Whitten and Marilyn Winkler. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on January 20, 2014 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of January 6, 2014 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.

The next item on the agenda called for the election of officers to serve a one-year term of office on the Board. The offices to be filled were President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Linda Leising, to nominate Karen Duncan as Board President, and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Vote as follows: Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Karen Duncan, abstain. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 2 absent, 1 abstain.

Susan Perry nominated Richard Phillips as Vice President. Richard Phillips nominated Susan Perry as Vice President. David Fleischmann and Gary Smidt made the motion to cast paper ballots with the majority voting Richard Phillips as Vice President. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Richard Phillips, abstain. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 2 absent, 1 abstain.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Linda Leising, to nominate Lorenda Forbes as Secretary, and that a unanimous ballot be cast. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, abstain. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 2 absent, 1 abstain.

It was the consensus of the Board to appoint Elizabeth Piening as Board Treasurer for the period of February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015.

It was the consensus of the Board that the following Board members are appointed to the three standing committees of the Board for the year 2014:

1. Contract Negotiations Committee
Lorenda Forbes-Chair, Susan Perry, Gary Smidt
2. Budget Committee
David Fleischmann-Chair, Kathy Whitten, Linda Leising
3. Policy Committee
Richard Phillips-Chair, vacant, Kevin Breece

The minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 16, 2013 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for December 2013. Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, 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; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Richard Phillips, that the January 2014 Claims for Payment be approved in the amount of \$323,340.89. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

The Board's New Member Committee (Karen Duncan, Richard Phillips, Gary Smidt, and David Fleischmann) interviewed two potential board members for Director District 3 with Richard Phillips moving to nominate Kevin Breece. His motion was seconded by Gary Smidt and passed 7-0 with the vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

The 2012-2013 Audit Report for ESU #11 from the auditing firm of Arthur White & Associates, L.L.C. was unavailable for action and will be presented at the February ESU 11 Board Meeting.

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Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented information to the Board regarding state statutes of Nebraska pertaining to conflicts of interest policies and laws. The ESU 11 Board Code of Ethics was presented to the Board Members and signed by those present.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by David Fleischmann to accept the recommendation to hire Betty Grove as a part-time paraeducator at New View in Oxford. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

It was a consensus of the Board to complete the ESU 11 Administrator Evaluation and send it to the Board President, Karen Duncan, for discussion/action at the February Board Meeting.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by David Fleischmann to accept the purchase of a new telephone system with the ability to include option 1 or 2 for additional voicemail storage. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Gary Smidt to recognize ESU 11 Holdrege Education Association as bargaining unit for the 2015-2016 contract year. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Richard Phillips to accept with deep regret the resignation of Jane Moody, Director of Special Education. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Lorenda Forbes to accept with deep regret the resignation of Marilyn Winkler, Director of District 2 Board Member. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Jane Moody, Director of Special Education, reported to the Board that all the ESU 11 school districts completed and submitted their IDEA Grant Application that was due to the Nebraska Department of Education on January 20. She then reported that staff evaluations are in progress during the months of January and February on all ESU 11 educators. Jane also informed the Board that CPR and AED training for staff would be held at ESU 11 on January 31.

Craig Peterson, Media/Technology Coordinator, updated the Board on the ESM Coop training held at the service unit on January 14, were State Coop director conducted

the training and updated the schools on the changes to Coop. Craig also informed the Board on the progress of circuit updates for schools to include site visits with the vendor to relocate fiber connections in the school buildings. He also updated them on the application status of Erate forms filed to date. Craig then discussed the release of the annual survey of services to schools on January 13, and how it will run for two weeks before closing.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Transition Services Coordinator, reported to the Board about the new Work Experience Release Form that was shared at the last Advisory Meeting with superintendents. She has also been out to some of the school districts to share document with teachers and administrators. She will be visiting the remaining districts in the next month. Lona then reported that ESU 11, ESU 9, and Grand Island Public wrote an Innovative Transition Grant for this school year. One of the activities within the grant is to create a Transition Rubric Committee. The first meeting will be held on January 31, at ESU 11. Three representatives from ESU 11 will be part of the committee. Lona also informed the Board that Ben Glenn has been confirmed as the keynote speaker for the 2014 Central Nebraska Youth First Conference on April 23, 2014.

Stephanie Dannehl, Curriculum/Technology Consultant, worked with ESU 7 and ESU 10 to provide three area kindergarten classes the opportunity to talk to Santa.

Kindergarten students wrote letters to Santa and mailed them to ESU 7. A week later, Santa randomly read a few letters from students and talked about what they wrote. The students' faces showed pure joy when Santa spoke with them. Holdrege R7, Franklin, and Alma were the schools that participated from ESU 11. Stephanie recently spent a morning working with Bertrand teachers. The teachers had fun learning using digital workstations. The teachers had time to explore and create content by using a variety of apps. Teachers could work at their own pace or in small groups. Schoology, Educreations, Tiny Scan, Google Drive, and Tellagami were a few of the apps that were introduced that day. Last week, Craig and Stephanie worked with The Durham Museum in Omaha to provide a virtual field trip experience for elementary students. Holdrege, Alma, Wilcox-Hildreth, Cambridge, and Loomis students participated.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Services Coordinator, reported on the many enrichment activities done with classrooms in the ESU 11 area. The Gifted Department works with 42 classrooms, 876 students in 12 schools each month. The ESU 11 Quiz Bowl was held January 8 at the Nebraska Prairie Museum. Janelle informed that the Bowl went well, with Holdrege reigning as the champion. There was also an Elementary Quiz Bowl in Southern Valley on January 16 with Wilcox-Hildreth reigning as the champions. Janelle also talked about the Future Problem Solving Seminar to be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church on Wednesday, January 22, with 87 students attending. Surviving the Surveillance Society was the theme. Janelle has tried to visit the schools where the applications for Summer Honors have been dwindling in the past few years. She is hopeful that will increase the number of nominees. There are still more visits to be made before the January 29 deadline for nominees.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, mentioned several areas of work for the past month. He spoke of on-going negotiation efforts; ESUCC Regular January meeting and their implementation of the Direct Delivery model for COOP ordering; the required three

year Asbestos report for the New View facility; the development of a Master Service Agreement between ESU 11 and member schools versus multiple yearly agreements; the annual ESU 11 school user survey and the uncertainty surrounding ESU 11 Preschools as the State desires all schools to operate their own preschool programs.

Motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of negotiations at 7:13 p.m. Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion to come out of Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Lorenda Forbes. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on February 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary