

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 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 March 17, 2014 with the following Board members present: Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, Lorenda Forbes, Susan Perry, Linda Leising, Richard Phillips, and Karen Duncan. David Fleischmann and Christy Pelton 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 March 17, 2014 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of March 3, 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.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Gary Smidt to excuse the absences of board members David Fleischmann and Christy Pelton. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, abstain; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 17, 2014 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for February 2014. Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Kevin Breece, that the General Fund Financial Report be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, abstain; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, that the March 2014 General Fund claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$332,713.32. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes;

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Susan Perry, abstain; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent.

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

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Linda Leising to approve the District 1 Board Appointee, Kim Scoville. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Kevin Breece, that the Board of ESU #11 authorize the Administrator of ESU #11 to determine, following receipt of school requests for services and certificated employee evaluations, whether the Board should consider amending or terminating any ESU #11 certificated employee's contract of employment at the ESU #11 Board meeting on April 21, 2014 and if it is determined by the Administrator of ESU #11 that consideration of this action by the Board of ESU #11 is warranted, to send a written notice of such possible action by certified mail on or before April 15, 2014 to the employee(s) that are to be included in the Board's consideration of this action. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes from the March 5, 2014 ESUCC Meeting.

ESU #11 Board Members discussed and agreed to continue with past traditions of presenting resigned Board Members with Recognition of Service gifts and to present the gift at the year end celebration.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Linda Leising to accept with deep regret the resignation of Technology/Curriculum Consultant, Stephanie Dannehl. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Richard Phillips to accept with deep regret the resignation of Occupational Therapist, Jamie Lewis. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Gary Smidt to approve Caren Porter as the recommendation for the Director of Special Education position. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda

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Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development, informed the Board that her main duties involve helping schools in the area of curriculum development, school improvement, assessments, Response to Intervention, teaching strategies/techniques, etc. Each day her job is different. During the past three weeks, Kate has done the following:

Mar. 11: Coordinate PE Workshop at ESU 11

Mar. 12: Conduct School Improvement/Statewide Testing Protocol Workshop at Arapahoe

Mar. 13: Attend Statewide Career Academy Meeting in Grand Island

Mar. 17: Conduct K-3 Writing Curriculum Workshop at Loomis

Mar. 18: Support Wilcox-Hildreth during their School Improvement External Visitation

Mar. 19: Attend Staff Development Strategist Meeting via Google Hangout

Mar. 24: Conduct Statewide Testing Protocol Training at Franklin Public School

Mar 26: Conduct Statewide Testing Protocol Training at Eustis

On Tuesday evenings during the next 7 weeks Kate will be teaching a graduate level class entitled "Brain Friendly Teaching." She is also offering 5 Graduate Courses this summer: iTeach/iLearn with the iPad, Challenging All Students, Statistics for Middle Level Teachers, Write Tools, and Classroom Management.

Craig Peterson, Media/Technology Coordinator, updated the board on the status of the GNENC consortium and future plans. He also handed out Universal Service Funds savings that were applied for both the Service Unit and the schools that contracted with the Service Unit. Craig then updated the board on 1:1 school device initiatives with two more schools looking at doing something next year bringing the total count of schools to eleven that have some form of 1:1 laptop/ipad/device initiative.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Susan Perry to enter into executive session at 6:42 p.m. to evaluate the job performance of an employee and to prevent needless injury to the employee's reputation. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Linda Leising to exit the executive session at 7:54 p.m. and return to open session. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Gary Smidt to accept employee resignation from Jackie Anderson, School Psychologist. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried, 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

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The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on April 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary