

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
MAY 19, 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 May 19, 2014 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, Kim Scoville, Susan Perry, Linda Leising, Lorenda Forbes, Christy Pelton, Richard Phillips, and Karen Duncan. David Fleischmann was 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 May 19, 2014 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of May 5, 2014 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN. 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 Gary Smidt, seconded by Richard Phillips, to approve the absence of David Fleischmann. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 21, 2014 were approved as printed.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Kevin Breece that the General Fund Financial Report for April 2014 be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Christy Pelton, that the May 2014 General Fund claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$365,933.85. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The following visitors were present Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, Jane Moody, Director of Special Education and Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development Services.

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Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2014 Superintendents Advisory Committee Meeting.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes of the May 6, 2014 ESUCC Meeting.

Discussion and information was presented by Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, on the proposed 2014-2015 State Core Dollars.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to approve the salary and benefits for the ESU #11 classified staff for the 2014-15 school year. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to accept with deep regrets the resignations of Kylee Rhamy, ESU #11 New View Teacher, Kami Soncksen, New View/Preschool Paraeducator, and Amanda Helms, Special Education Administrative Assistant. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, informed the Board that 147 students will be attending Summer Honors from June 8 to June 20 and thanked the Board for their generous support for the program. Next, Janelle talked about the various projects going on in the Gifted Department. The One Room School House program will be offered at the beginning of September. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Invention Convention was held successfully at Pioneer Village in Minden on April 14. Twenty-seven teams competed at the Nebraska High School Quiz Bowl in the afternoon of April 30. The ESU Senior High Quiz Bowl was held in the morning. Janelle finished her report by informing the Board about the External Visitation and what was suggested to help keep the Gifted Department a successful program.

Jane Moody, Director of Special Education, informed the Board on the all unit Special Education meeting that was held on April 25, with 50 participants from ESU #11 and ESU #11 school districts. The main presentation for the day was on 'Social Thinking' presented by ESU staff members, Angie Kovarik, Jamie Christensen and Jamie Lewis. Nebraska Department of Education Rule updates were discussed along with changes in the ILCD (Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities) plan for the 2014-15 school year. Jane also talked about the Planning Region Team 11 that consists of ESU #11 early childhood providers, school district personnel, parents and other service agency representatives who provide services for children with disabilities birth to five years. This team met for their annual meeting on April 29. The annual retreat to review the goals for this year and to write the Early Development Grant for the 2014-15 school year will be held on June 19. Jane reported that the ESU #11 ILCD Team attended a state training with the Nebraska Department of Education Special Education personnel on May 1, in Lincoln. Jane finished her report by informing the Board that recruiting and

interviewing is taking place for the following positions: UP 4 Kids Preschool – Holdrege site teacher, New View Special Education teacher, and Speech Language Pathologist.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development Services, informed the Board that ESU #11 will conduct four graduate classes during the month of June. The graduate classes are: iLearn, iTeach with the iPad from June 2-6 with nine participants; Challenging All Students to Succeed from June 9-13 with twelve participants; Statistics 811T from June 16-20 with ten participants; and Write Tools from June 23-27 with twenty-six participants registered. The participant list consists of both ESU #11 teachers as well as teachers outside of the ESU #11 area.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on the Superintendents Advisory Meetings, the ESUCC Meetings, and the ESU Classified Staff.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Gary Smidt, to enter into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss the 2014-2015 Employee Contract for the ESU #11 Administrator. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Gary Smidt, to exit the Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Christy Pelton, to approve the first of a two year contract of employment for the ESU #11 Administrator with a total package increase of 5.22%. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary