

MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, held a Public Budget Hearing at the Unit Office on September 15, 2014 with the following members present when the hearing convened: Karen Duncan, Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, Richard Phillips, Susan Perry, Lorenda Forbes, Christy Pelton, David Fleischmann and Linda Leising. Absent: Kim Scoville.

Board President, Karen Duncan, announced that this is an open public meeting.

Public Notice that the Board of ESU #11 would hold a Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2014 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of September 1, 2014. The Public Notice included a statement of the purpose of the Public Hearing and a summary of the proposed budgetary requirements for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Board President, Karen Duncan stated that the Public Budget Hearing was being held for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relative to the proposed General Fund and to consider amendments relative thereto.

After stating the purpose of the hearing, Board President Duncan asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Board regarding the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

No patrons presented testimony or suggested amendments to the Budget as proposed by the Board of ESU #11.

President Duncan adjourned the Budget meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SYSTEM
WIDE TAX REQUEST AND PROPERTY TAX RATE**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, held a Public Hearing Regarding Setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate at the Unit Office on September 15, 2014 with the following members present when the meeting convened: Karen Duncan, Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, Richard Phillips, Susan Perry, Lorenda Forbes, Christy Pelton, David Fleischmann and Linda Leising. Absent: Kim Scoville.

Public Notice that the Board of ESU #11 would hold a Public Hearing regarding setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate on September 15, 2014 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of September 1, 2014. The Public Notice included a statement of the purpose of the Public Hearing regarding setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Board President Duncan stated that the Public Hearing Regarding Setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate were being held to receive testimony pertaining to the purpose for which the Public Hearing was being held.

After stating the purpose of the hearing, Board President Duncan asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Board regarding the tax request and tax rate.

No patrons presented testimony regarding setting the system wide tax request and tax rate as proposed by the Board of ESU #11.

President Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

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 September 15, 2014 with the following members present: Karen Duncan, Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, Richard Phillips, Susan Perry, Lorenda Forbes, Christy Pelton, David Fleischmann and Linda Leising. Absent: Kim Scoville.

Notification was made of the open meeting law.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on September 15, 2014 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of September 1, 2014 and was broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN on September 3, 2014. 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 Christy Pelton, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to excuse the absence of Kim Scoville. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; and Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on August 18, 2014 were approved as printed.

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

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by David Fleischmann, that the September 2014 claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$331,939.20. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; and Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The following visitor was present: Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Services Coordinator.

WHEREAS the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 11 believes it is in the best interest of ESU #11 to raise the restricted fund portion of the 2014-15 general fund budget by 1%, over the restricted fund portion of the 2013-14 general fund budget of ESU #11 as allowed by law;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 2014-15 general fund budget of ESU #11 be authorized in an amount of 1%, over the 2013-14 general fund budget of ESU #11, and that this resolution be adopted by an affirmative vote of 90% of the board.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Gary Smidt, at 7:50 p.m. to accept the resolution to raise restricted funds (property tax) portion of the general fund budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year by the allowable rate of one percent, in accordance with the provisions set forth in LB 299. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; and Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to adopt the General Fund Budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; and Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

WHEREAS, public notice was given by the Board of Educational Service Unit #11, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, at least five days in advance of a special public hearing called for the purpose of determining the system-wide tax request of ESU #11 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, such special public hearing was held before the Board on September 15, 2014 as stated in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information, and evidence from persons in attendance at such special hearing;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the final property tax request of the Board of ESU #11 should be, and hereby is set at \$1,082,758.38 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The final property tax levies of the Board of ESU #11 should be and hereby are set at 0.015000 for the General Fund.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Kevin Breece, to approve the tax request resolution. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; and Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented and discussed the minutes from the September 4, 2014 ESUCC meeting.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented and discussed the minutes from the August 27, 2014 ESU #11 Superintendents Advisory Meeting.

The ESU Board Members also discussed the option to attend the NASB/NASA State Education Conference in November.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Susan Perry, to approve the job description for the Summer Honors Program Counselor. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; and Linda Leising, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Services Coordinator, reported to the Board that the Summer Honors Program held in June was another successful year. This year 146 students attended, which is the highest number to participate in the Summer Honors Program. Janelle also talked about the Rural School Activity that was offered to students from first to fifth grade in the ESU #11 district. These students attended class in a one-room school house and learned about past traditions, rules, and games that were played. One of the students' favorite activities was learning how to make ice cream.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, informed the board about work and/or progress on development of budget, attendance at ESUCC meeting, hosting of local advisory meeting, plus, attendance at labor relations conference. Further, he made the board aware of statewide ESUCC COOP concerns and Dr. Tedesco is researching administrative assistant salary/benefits for possible future adjustment by the board.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on October 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan called the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary