

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2015**

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 19, 2015 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, David Fleischmann, Lorenda Forbes, Linda Leising, Susan Perry, Christy Pelton, Kim Scoville, and Karen Duncan. Richard Phillips was absent.

Notification was made of the Open Meetings Law.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to excuse the absence of board member Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Susan Perry, to approve the change to the January Board agenda by removing item VIII-G and moving item VIII-E to the top of the agenda. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on January 19, 2015 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of January 5, 2015 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 Kevin Breece, to nominate Karen Duncan as Board President. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Gary Smidt, to nominate Richard Phillips as Vice President. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Susan Perry, to nominate Lorenda Forbes as Secretary. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

It was the consensus of the Board to appoint Elizabeth Piening as Board Treasurer for the period of February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016.

It was the consensus of the Board that the following members are appointed to the three standing committees of the Board for the remainder of 2014-2015:

1. Contract Negotiations Committee
Gary Smidt-Chair, Richard Phillips, Susan Perry
2. Budget Committee
Christy Pelton-Chair, Lorenda Forbes, Kim Scoville
3. Policy Committee
David Fleischmann-Chair, Kevin Breece, Linda Leising

The minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 17, 2014 were approved as printed. The December 2014 Board meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

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

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, that the December 2014 and January 2015 Claims for Payment be approved in the amount of \$380,191.89 and \$292,541.03 respectively. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The ESU 11 Leadership Team offered their observations regarding AdvancED and Nebraska Framework School Improvement Model. Three ESU districts switched from AdvancED to Nebraska Framework due to the increased expense and increased staff time spent maintaining reporting documents. It was the consensus of the Board to remain with the Nebraska Framework Continuous Improvement Model.

Wade Gibson and Craig Peterson reported to the Board on their action plans for the upcoming five-year continuous improvement cycle. These included a focus in the areas of Infrastructure and Systems, Applications, and the statewide BlendEd initiative. Janelle Jack of the Gifted Department also discussed her future plans and goals for the program.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, informed the Board that the ESU 11 Vision and Mission Statement review date has been moved to March 16, 2015.

Tedesco reviewed the minutes of the Superintendents Advisory Committee meeting held on December 10, 2014 as well as the minutes from the ESUCC meetings held on November 19, 2014 and January 8, 2015.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the Interlocal Agreement to share Media/Technology Coordinator with ESUCC. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Tedesco 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 David Fleischmann, seconded by Linda Leising, to designate KSB School Law as the law firm who are authorized to provide the school district with legal counsel. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 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 Gary Smidt, seconded by Kevin Breece, to dispose of ESU 11 obsolete equipment. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development, reported that ESU 11 is offering another graduate course through Hastings College this spring. Kate will be the instructor. The course will be centered around how teachers can use other strategies/methods instead of worksheets to promote learning in the classroom.

Wade Gibson, Technology Consultant, reported to the Board that the 2014 Annual Evaluation was sent out to 837 people Monday morning, and as of Monday

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afternoon there were already more than 150 responses. The survey will run for two weeks and some preliminary data should be available for the next Board meeting.

Jody Bauer, Curriculum/Technology Consultant, reported to the board details about Digital Citizenship and how our districts are asking for more information. She explained how she has been promoting Digital Citizenship and the importance of it in our schools. Jody shared some information about how our districts are utilizing technology in the classroom and how it's important to teach our students to be good online citizens. Jody is traveling to Loomis and teaching Digital Citizenship to 5th through 9th grade classes. She is covering a wide range of topics with each class and is willing to reach out to other schools to teach Digital Citizenship as well. Jody also reported to the board about an upcoming event with Ryan Sothan, Outreach Coordinator from the Attorney General's Office. On April 14th, he will be presenting "The Rules of the Road" on safely navigating for information.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Services Coordinator, updated the board on the changes that were happening this year for Summer Honors. All of the applications and tests are to be given online. Christy Pelton shared with Janelle that perhaps a sign signifying a home that was housing students might be a great way to show our appreciation. She also visited with the board about the new activities they are trying to implement to fulfill more of the needs of all of the gifted students. She recently attended the Future City State Competition in Omaha and has two teams competing at the state National History Day in March. Next, she talked about the enrichment activities that had been conducted with the schools. Finally, she expressed her thanks for everyone that had contributed to the Give2Grow project and shared that they had raised \$4,880 for Summer Honors. They plan on continuing with the project next year.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reported on progress of ESUCC COOP; possible addition of more tech staff; staff space options within our building and dissemination of 2015-2016 Programs of Service to our member school superintendent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Kevin Breece, to enter into the Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations at 7:27 p.m. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by David Fleischmann, to exit the Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Christy Pelton, yes; Kim Scoville, 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 February 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary