

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 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 May 18, 2015 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, David Fleischmann, Susan Perry, Linda Leising, Lorenda Forbes, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, and Karen Duncan. Kim Scoville 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 18, 2015 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of May 4, 2015 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 Kevin Breece, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to approve the absence of Kim Scoville. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, 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 20, 2015 were approved as printed.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Susan Perry that the General Fund Financial Report for April 2015 be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Linda Leising, that the May 2015 General Fund claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$324,306.97. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, 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, Caren Porter, Director of Special Education and Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development Services.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes of the May 5, 2015 ESUCC Meeting.

Discussion and information was presented by Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, on the proposed 2015-2016 State Core Dollars.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Susan Perry, to approve the revised Media/Technology Coordinator and Technology Consultant job descriptions. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Kevin Breece, to accept with deep regret the resignations of Betty Grove and Janet Anderson, Preschool Paraeducators. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Craig Philips, to submit the Supplemental Education Service Provider application to NDE. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to approve the Resolution to change the Payroll Structure. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Linda Leising, to approve the advancement on the Classified Salary Schedule for the Administrative Assistant to the ESU 11 Administrator. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Kevin Breece, to approve Romans, Wiemer & Associates as the ESU 11 Auditor for the next three years. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Gary Smidt, to adopt the revised Vision and Mission Statements. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

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Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Susan Perry, to approve the Inspire Rehabilitation contract for Speech Services if necessary. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Linda Leising, to accept with deep regret the resignation of Special Education Administrative Assistant, Corey Woetzel. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, informed the Board on the recent State Quiz Bowl held on April 29, 2015. Cambridge and Minden were the two ESU 11 teams to make it into the state meet; however, Elkhorn took the State Quiz Bowl title. Janelle also updated the Board on the Summer Honors Program and that the search continues to find housing for some of the attending students.

Caren Porter, Director of Special Education, reported on the Youth First Conference held at UNK. The conference was on April 20th and 192 students attended. The SPED staff also attended the AQuESST Conference, the ESU PDO Conference, and hosted a Retiree Celebration for three staff members. Caren informed the Board on upcoming events such as the Student Centered Planning workshop in May; the Verbal Behavior Training and Early Developmental Network Conference in June; the Behavior Training for Caren, Lona, and the Psychologists in July; and finally the SRS Training for new staff in August. Caren will be conducting interviews for the Administrative Assistant position in the next week and will continue looking for candidates for the open speech services position. Over the summer Caren plans to re-format and update the SPED area of the ESU #11 Web site; work with the Superintendents on reports due to NDE; and create training schedules for ILCD, Paraeducator trainings, and IEP work days.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development Services, informed the Board that ESU #11 will be offering the opportunity for the teachers in our area to participate in Professional Learning Communities next year. Professional Learning Communities are a collaborative learning among colleagues that provides teachers with the opportunity to use data, have professional discussions, and enhance the classroom curriculum. This will be beneficial to the districts in our ESU because many of our districts currently have one teacher in each area, and have no one to truly collaborate with. We will initially create PLCs for the following groups: teachers in grades PreK – 6, and junior/high school English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Each group will meet at the ESU one time beginning in December. Each PLC will discuss the current state standards, the essential learnings for those standards, and then share lessons, activities, and ideas as to how to best teach those standards. A Wiki page or Google Community will be created to house all of these lessons so they are easily accessible. Next spring, each group will meet via distance learning to discuss implementation of the lessons and strategies. Jody and Kate will be leading this project, with the support from the other leadership team members. Jody and Kate plan to attend a national PLC conference in San Diego in the fall.

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The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary