

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

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

Notification was made of the open meetings law. The open meeting laws were on display throughout the Board Meeting.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on October 19, 2015 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of October 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 minutes of the September 14, 2015 Public Budget Hearing, Setting the Tax Request Held Special Public Hearing, and September 17, 2015 regular Board Meeting were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for September 2015. Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Craig Philips that the General Fund Financial Report be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Kim Scoville that the October 2015 claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$112,057.07 and the September 2015 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$227,470.04. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

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Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Gary Smidt to approve the ESU #11 Annual Compliance Report for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and the Application for Accreditation for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Susan Perry to authorize ESU #11 Administrator to apply for federal funds. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Dr. Tedesco discussed salary and benefits with the Board Members for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and reviewed the minutes from the October 15, 2015 ESUCC meeting.

Caren Porter, Director of Special Education Services, updated the Board on the current preschool enrollment numbers for each UP 4 Kids location. The enrollment for all three sites has increased, but Elwood and Holdrege are not at capacity. Caren added one aide for the Elwood Preschool on Monday and Wednesday since the enrollment reached 11 students. Holdrege Preschool has one teacher, two aides and one assistant teacher due to a higher need with students moving into the area. Caren reported that she and Paul have had conversations with five out of our thirteen districts on whether they will be choosing a different preschool option for next year. Three options are available: the ESU will staff and supervise the preschool program in the district, the ESU will staff and the district will supervise the program, or the district will staff and supervise the program. They have yet to hear back from the districts but will continue conversations in order to plan for staffing accordingly. Caren also discussed how Early Childhood/Preschool and Birth to Three costs were combined and billed to the districts. Due to the recent changes of school districts providing their own preschool, the billing process has changed. This year Caren is completing a time study for everyone who is providing Birth to Three services so she has accurate information of what the needs are.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reported to the Board on his and Kate Hatch's meetings with the districts about the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) program, the PLC meeting our staff attended in San Diego, and the great reviews received for the 2015 Fall Conference.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on November 16, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary