

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
November 16, 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 located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on November 16, 2015 with the following members present: Karen Duncan, Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, David Fleischmann, Kim Scoville, Craig Philips, and Lorenda Forbes. Linda Leising, Susan Perry, and Richard Phillips were absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on November 16, 2015 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of November 2, 2015. 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 David Fleischmann, seconded by Gary Smidt, to excuse the absences of Linda Leising, Susan Perry, and Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on October 19, 2015 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for October 2015. Motion made by David Fleischmann, 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; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Kevin Breece that the November 2015 claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$115,523.51 and the October 2015 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$229,175.92. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

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Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes of the Superintendents Advisory Committee meeting held on October 21, 2015.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Kim Scoville to approve the 2016-2017 EHA Insurance Plan selection. ESU 11 will offer the \$900 and \$2,000 deductible health insurance options in 2016-2017. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to approve the hire of Betty Jo Goodell for the Holdrege UP 4 Kids Para-educator opening. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to approve the Supplemental Education Services (SES) Interlocal Agreements with Axtell, Elwood, Minden, and Southern Valley Public Schools for 2015-2016. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by David Fleischmann, to approve the SES Contracts with Axtell, Elwood, Minden, and Southern Valley Public Schools for 2015-2016. Vote as follows: Karen Duncan, yes; Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Lorenda Forbes, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, presented to the Board updates on ERate filings and upcoming Category 2 projects that are being planned. He also mentioned what is being done with the PLCs to get the technology components set up to support this initiative. A Tech Talk Tuesday session is scheduled for November 24. Wade also highlighted new equipment that is available for checkout through the ESU 11 Media Center, including the CPR in Schools Training Kit as well as some new MakerSpaces equipment that is on order. Wade also mentioned that billings for 2015-2016 Technology Support contracts would be sent out this month.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development Services, reported that she has spent time learning about the changes occurring on the NeSA ELA test in 2017. Kate explained that since the English Language Arts standards have been revised to reflect college and career readiness, new item type questions will be written into the 2017 English Language Arts NeSA test. These questions are designed to test higher order thinking skills, provide a closer construct between valuable classroom instruction and activities and NeSA testing, and increase student engagement in the assessment process. The questions will ask the students to analyze passages, choose both single and multiple correct answers, elicit evidence from passages, respond to a writing prompt by drawing on basic writing skills while inferring and synthesizing information from passages to develop a comprehensive response, and provide evidence from the passages to support

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the response. During the Professional Learning Communities, grade level teachers will be designing lessons that will help students refine these skills.

Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, reported to the board details about the BlendEd Learning Cohort and that she has met with teachers in July and October. Teachers were introduced to what BlendEd Learning is and the different models that can be implemented in their classroom. The teachers were asked to develop a plan to take back to their classroom to implement. She reported on the BlendEd Learning Pilot Project and that information would be going out to the districts soon. Jody also talked about the progress with Distant Learning and is trying to get up to speed on the transition to the DL support system. She attended a Nebraska Providers workshop where she worked on developing lesson plans and providing information about virtual field trips. Lastly, Jody reported to the board details about Digital Citizenship and how she is still actively promoting and teaching DC in schools.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, talked to the Board about the activities in the Gifted Department including Battle of the Books, enrichment activities in all 13 schools, and National History Day. She expressed her thanks for being able to attend the recent PLC Workshop in Charlotte, North Carolina; a lot was learned and she believes the program will be wonderful to incorporate at the Service Unit. Janelle reported that the first semester Gifted Department billing would be sent to the schools this month. She also talked about the upcoming Give2Grow event through the Phelps County Foundation as well as the 27 scheduled Quiz Bowls. Janelle discussed the upcoming Summer Honors Program, noting that Entrepreneurship will not be offered this year, but Science will again be offered. Of the 12 instructors and associates, 6 have indicated they will be returning, and we are still waiting on responses from the other 6 instructors.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reported that the Title I application was finished and that he would begin discussing the 2016-2017 negotiations with the local ESUEA and work agreements/contracts with the Classified Staff and Leadership Team Members.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on December 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Karen Duncan called the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary