

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2016**

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 18, 2016 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, David Fleischmann, Lorenda Forbes, Linda Leising, Susan Perry, Kim Scoville, Richard Phillips, and Karen Duncan. Craig Philips arrived at 5:30 p.m.

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 January 18, 2016 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU 11 during the week of January 4, 2016 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 Gary Smidt, seconded by Kevin Breece, to nominate David Fleischmann as Board President. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Linda Leising, 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; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Linda Leising, 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; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, 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, 2016 through January 31, 2017.

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 2015-2016:

1. Contract Negotiations Committee
Susan Perry-Chair, Karen Duncan, Richard Phillips
2. Budget Committee
Kim Scoville-Chair, Gary Smidt, Lorenda Forbes
3. Policy Committee
Linda Leising-Chair, Craig Philips, Kevin Breece

The minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 14, 2015 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for December 2015. Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Kim Scoville, that the General Fund Financial Report 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; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by David Fleischmann, seconded by Susan Perry, that the January 2016 claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$87,644.47 and the December 2015 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$222,832.91. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Tedesco reviewed the minutes of the ESUCC meetings held on January 14, 2016.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Linda Leising, to approve the 2014-2015 audit report for ESU 11 from the auditing firm of Romans, Wiemer & Associates. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 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 Gary Smidt, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, 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; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard

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Phillips, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Karen Duncan, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

It was a consensus of the Board to complete the ESU 11 Administrator Evaluation and send it to the Board President, David Fleischmann, for discussion/action at the February Board Meeting.

Caren Porter, Special Education Director, reported to the Board that Axtell, Elwood, and Alma districts would be offering their own preschools next year. Wilcox-Hildreth has not indicated what they will do next year at this time. ESU may provide services for them in Holdrege if they so choose. Paul and Caren will continue to have conversations with Wilcox-Hildreth in the next couple of weeks. Southern Valley students will continue attending the Oxford preschool site. A time may come where the Oxford site may need to consider expanding into two groups. Caren should know more in the next two months. The preschool change will impact our staffing for the 2016 - 2017 contract year, but Caren is striving to have the least amount as possible impact the current staff. Caren updated the Board on recent trainings in the SPED Department. Thirty-eight total teachers attended the two SPED PLC trainings in January, and the birth-to-three RBI Boot Camp would be held at Mt. Calvary on January 28th and 29th. Caren reported that the Planning Region Team wrote a Corrective Action Plan and held a training on January 8th to address needed corrections. The team is also co-sponsoring a training by Cari Ebert that will be held at ESU 10. Caren finished by reporting that she is putting together Master Service Agreement projections for the districts, and is thinking about staffing needs for 2016 – 2017.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board that the annual evaluation began today. He added that the survey was sent to 896 participants, and more than 200 have already completed the survey or are in progress. Wade also updated the Board on recent progress with state transport circuit bids. Wade mentioned that he and Alex would be in Eustis the next day to install 15 wireless access points. He also noted that there would be a Tech Talk Tuesday session the following day and a face-to-face LAN Managers meeting coming up in March.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on February 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

David Fleischmann declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary