

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 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 March 21, 2016 with the following Board members present: Gary Smidt, Craig Philips, Lorenda Forbes, Linda Leising, Susan Perry, Karen Duncan, Richard Phillips, and David Fleischmann. Kim Scoville arrived at 5:15 and Kevin Breece arrived at 6:15.

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 March 21, 2016 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of March 1, 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 minutes of the regular meeting held on February 15, 2016 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for February 2016. Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Craig Philips, that the General Fund Financial Report be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Karen Duncan, seconded by Susan Perry, that the March 2016 General Fund claims for payment be approved in the amount of \$122,328.87, and the February 2016 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$217,368.81. Vote as follows: Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to approve the future use, distribution, or disposal of ESU 11's Preschool equipment, manipulative

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materials, and supplies. Vote as follows: Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes from the March 10, 2016 ESUCC Meeting.

Motion made by Karen Duncan, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to approve ESU #11 Advisory Committee's recommended program of Exploratory & Basic Services with addition of Behavioral/Mental Health under contracted services. Vote as follows: Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Craig Philips, that the Board of ESU #11 authorize the Administrator of ESU #11 to determine, following receipt of school requests for services and certificated employee evaluations, whether the Board should consider amending or terminating any ESU #11 certificated employee's contract of employment at the ESU #11 Board meeting on April 18, 2016; and if it is determined by the Administrator of ESU #11 that consideration of this action by the Board of ESU #11 is warranted, to send a written notice of such possible action by certified mail on or before April 18, 2016 to the employee(s) that are to be included in the Board's consideration of this action. Vote as follows: Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The ESU 11 Board Members discussed whether to rejoin and pay the Annual NASB Membership dues. It was the consensus of the Board to not join the NASB Membership for the 2016 year.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to accept with deep regret the resignation of UP 4 Kids Preschool Teacher, Linda Marshall. Vote as follows: Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported that 168 student inventors participated in Invention Convention held at Pioneer Village, which was in great shape for the festivities. Janelle spent several nights at Franklin preparing for National History Day, and one student qualified for the State Competition on April 16. The State Future Problem Solving competition will be held on April 16th as well, with nine ESU 11 schools competing. On April 1st, nineteen students will arrive at the service unit as a culmination of the Battle of the Books where several of the authors will be visiting with the group. Students could choose from twenty books to read and complete activities. Seventh and eighth grade students were required to read eight books, while fifth and sixth

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grade students read six books. Janelle is working on selecting books for next year so they can be ordered during requisitions. Janelle reported that all tests have been administered for the Summer Honors Program (SHP), with letters going out to the students on April 11. Lastly, Janelle will be attending the final meeting for Rule 3 in Lincoln next week along with six others from across the state.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Transition Coordinator, reported that she currently has 174 total registrations for the Youth First Conference: 124 students, 49 teachers/administrators/paraprofessionals, and 1 parent. On March 7th the ESU hosted a Google Form for Data Collection Training for special education teachers who work with students in grades 7-12. Fifteen people registered for the training and learned how to create Google Forms, which aligned to IEP annual academic and/or functional goals to assist in collecting data for progress monitoring. ESU 11 and ESU 9 wrote a Transition Innovative Grant to cover the cost of the training and provide substitute reimbursement to school districts. Next, Lona informed the Board that the ESU held a Special Education meeting for the area districts and NDE shared information for the monitoring process. Lona also presented at the Parents Encouraging Parents Conference on Friday in Kearney. She shared the parts of the transition page on the IEP with the parents.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development, informed the Board that the ESU would offer the following graduate courses this summer. *Assessing the Standards* (Hastings College) will focus on the variety of formative assessments that can be used in the classroom in order to determine student mastery and drive instruction. *Empower Learning with iPads* (Hastings College) will help teachers integrate iPad technology into the classroom and enhance student learning. *Primarily Math* (University of Nebraska Lincoln) will help elementary teachers strengthen their math and pedagogical knowledge, and increase student's math achievement. These courses can also be taken for no graduate credit. Courses will begin May 31st and run through June 24th.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board on upcoming point-to-point wireless projects for the Axtell and Eustis-Farnam football fields, as well as the new Ag building in Wilcox. Wade and Alex are also in the early phases of a server replacement project in Bertrand. He also mentioned that they had a good turnout at the March 2nd LAN Managers meeting. Wade noted that ESU 11 is coordinating an electronics-recycling pick-up for area schools early this summer.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reported on a recent ESUCC Meeting that was hosted at ESU #11. Paul discussed the 2016-17 Core Dollars and that ESU 11 along with five other ESUs will not receive funding this year. Paul informed the Board that he would be recommending Jane Moody as the Interim Director of Special Education for 2016-2017 only, with duties to include mentoring/training the Assistant Director of Special Education. The Assistant Director will then assume the Director of Special Education duties in 2017-2018.

Richard Phillips was absent for the remainder of the board meeting.

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Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Kim Scoville to enter into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss the 2016-2017 ESU #11 Administrator Contract. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Gary Smidt to exit the Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. and return to open session. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the first of a two year contract of employment with the same conditions for the ESU #11 Administrator with a total increase of 4% for 2016-2017 contract year. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and David Fleischmann, yes. Motion carried, 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

David Fleischmann declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary