

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
APRIL 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 April 18, 2016 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, Gary Smidt, David Fleischmann, Susan Perry, Kim Scoville, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, and Karen Duncan. Lorenda Forbes and Richard Phillips were absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on April 18, 2016 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of April 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.

Notification was made of the Open Meetings Law.

Motion made by Karen Duncan, seconded by Craig Philips, to excuse the absence of Lorenda Forbes and Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21, 2016 were approved as printed.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Gary Smidt, to accept the General Fund Financial Report for March 2016 as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Susan Perry, that the April 2016 General Fund Claims for Payment be approved in the amount of \$104,050.55 and the March 2016 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$224,738.62. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, discussed the minutes for the ESUCC Meeting held on April 13 and April 14, 2016.

Motion made by Karen Duncan, seconded by Craig Philips, to approve the hire of Interim Director of Special Education, Jane Moody. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

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Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Kevin Breece, to approve the hire of Assistant Director of Special Education, Lona Nelson-Milks. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Linda Leising, that the Board of ESU #11 authorize the Administrator of ESU #11 to submit a proposal to the Nebraska State Department of Education for approval for ESU #11 to continue to provide administration and supervision for the IASA Title I Cooperative Remedial Reading and Math Program for the 2016-2017 school year on behalf of the ESU #11 member school districts. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Susan Perry, to approve the Behavior/Mental Health Consultant job description. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Karen Duncan, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the ESU #11 School Calendar for 2016-2017. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Craig Philips, to approve the contracts for the new School Psychologist/Behavior-Mental Health Consultant full time position and .5 FTE Behavior-Mental Health position. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Gary Smidt, to accept with deep regret the resignation of Speech Language Pathologist, Juanita Lyon. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Susan Perry, to accept the recommendations regarding renewal of employment contracts for Certified employees, Classified employees, Coordinators, and Directors for the 2016-2017 contract period. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Craig Philips, to accept with our deepest regret the resignation of Board Director of District 10, Karen Duncan, effective May 31, 2016. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; Karen Duncan, yes; David Fleischmann, no; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, no; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 2 no, 2 absent.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Transition Coordinator, reported that 187 teacher, paraprofessional, and students attended the Central Nebraska Youth First Conference on April 11, 2016. It was a successful day with students attending four break-out sessions: Getting Healthy, Nebraska Youth

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Leadership Council, Fun and Educational Assistive Technology, and UNK Teacher Candidates sharing about job interview skills. Next, the 9th grade business tours were held on April 13th in Kearney. A total of 49 students attended and toured Midway Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, IntelliCom, CMH Interiors, and Chief Agri/Industrial Division. Lunch was had at the UNK campus so students could gain an understanding of eating on a college campus. The Post-School Outcomes Data for the 2013-2014 school year have been reported and the state of Nebraska met all three-target area goals. Lona informed the Board that she has been asked by NDE to attend the Building Capacity Institute for the second year in North Carolina on May 3rd through May 5th.

Alex Wyatt, Technology Consultant, reported that wireless points were extended to the Axtell football field in time for the latest track meet. A new server has been installed at Bertrand and quotes were sent to Dr. Dennis Shipp. Alex noted that Eustis-Farnam have been discussing a new antivirus program and is currently waiting approval for the E-Rate project. The ESU technology department is also helping Holdrege district schools in preparation for the Summer Honors Program starting on June 12th. A new Ag building is being constructed in Wilcox with wireless connectivity to be installed in the near future. ESU 11 has purchased new laptops for SPED staff to replace aging models. Wade and Alex are considering a new mobile device management (MDM) solution for iPads, as the current free Meraki service has become increasingly crippled and the paid version is quite pricey.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reported on behalf of Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, the school nomination numbers for the Summer Honors Program between the 2015 and 2016 program years. Paul also noted the Nebraska Gifted Programs have struggled to receive adequate state funding for the past few years.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, updated the Board about the recent Leadership Team Retreat. At the retreat, Leadership members discussed the Annual Survey results, department goals, staffing, and recent interviews for the Speech Language Pathologist opening.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

David Fleischmann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary