

MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2016

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 21, 2016 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, David Fleischmann, Lorenda Forbes, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, and Gary Smidt. Susan Perry was absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on November 21, 2016 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of November 1, 2016. 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 Kim Scoville, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to excuse the absence of Susan Perry. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on October 17, 2016, and the special work session meeting on November 7, 2016 were approved as printed.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for October 2016. Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Gary Smidt that the General Fund Financial Report be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Linda Leising, that the November 2016 claims for payment be approved for payment in the amount of \$110,739.43 and the October 2016 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$232,673.71. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

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Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes of the Superintendents Advisory Committee meeting held on October 19, 2016.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Lorenda Forbes, to approve the 2017-2018 EHA Insurance Plan selection. ESU 11 will offer the \$1,000 and \$2,000 deductible health insurance options in 2017-2018. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, to approve the format of ESU 11 Administrator contract employment terms. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes of the ESUCC Meeting held on November 16, 2016.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, to approve the timeline, process, and procedure for selection of new ESU 11 Administrator. The Board will meet on December 12th to review and select candidates for interviews on December 16th, and possibly December 15th. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The Board reviewed and discussed the sealed bids for purchase of ESU 11 Holdrege Preschool facility. Motion made by Gary Smidt, and seconded by Craig Philips, to approve resolution to accept bid for sale of real estate, ESU 11 Holdrege Preschool facility. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Consensus of the Board was to direct Administrator Tedesco to have an attorney prepare the purchase and closing agreement. (See attached resolution)

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, to approve December 15th as appointment of Directors for Districts 4 and 8. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Transition Coordinator/Assistant SPED Director, reported that Alma, Franklin, and Loomis had on-site visits with NDE on November 11th to review files for compliance. On November 23rd, NDE will then visit Bertarnd, Elwood, and Eustis-Farnam. John Street, from ESU 10, and NDE presented at the October Advisory Meeting to discuss the Tracking Tool and the importance of using it to help districts monitor if they will make Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Districts need to spend at least a dollar more than their high year of local funds to make MOE. The MOE

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Eligibility Application was due to NDE by November 15th, and all districts submitted the application. Next, Lona reported on the Transition department. The 12th grade Transition Workshop was held on November 8th. A representative from higher education was present to share the differences between high school and college regarding accommodations and self-disclosure. An activity was conducted to show the importance of communication and teamwork. The Nebraska State Patrol brought the Distracted Driver Simulation for students to understand and experience the traffic laws violated when distracted. They also stressed the importance about wearing seatbelts. Last, Lona mentioned the 9th grade Transition Workshop students are creating vision videos to share goals for the future.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board about the Librarian & Media Specialists meeting that was held on October 26th. He also mentioned that a point-to-point wireless system was installed at the Eustis-Farnam football field. Wade noted that the ESU 11 NDE Technology Plan was recently submitted, and then discussed potential changes in how contracts and E-Rate are handled for statewide transport circuits. Finally, Wade shared some new data points regarding 2016 enrollment numbers for the ESU 11 area.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development Services, reported that ESU 11 coordinated a foreign language concert for area students in late October. Approximately 250 students attended including students from Wilcox-Hildreth, Franklin, and Axtell. Kate informed the Board that statewide testing dates for the ACT have been determined. Students taking the paper test will do so on April 19, 2017. The make up test date is May 3, 2017. Students taking the online test and with test accommodations will be testing between April 19 and May 3, 2017. All 11th graders are required to take this test with the exception of the 1% of students who qualify to take the alternate assessment. Students who wish to take the test with accommodations must submit a request to ACT. Last, Kate reported that Alex, Jody, Wade, and she would be presenting at the AESA national conference in Savannah, Georgia. The presentation focuses on the ESU 11 PLC process they have created to help support singleton teachers in the ESU 11 area.

Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, updated the Board on the BlendEd Learning and that CL Jones Middle School in Minden is the pilot school. Jody has been working with a group of teachers to help implement BlendEd Learning into the classroom. BlendEd Learning is a mix of technology and face-to-face instruction in a class period. The technology helps customize the students learning and drives instruction. Two models of BlendEd Learning the teachers are using are Station Rotation and the Flex Model. Each model provides direct instruction from the teacher and also online learning. Jody has been helping teachers use an LMS like Schoology to deliver content to students such as assignments, videos, or links for research. Teachers use different technology tools to help students practice content skills for more independent online learning. Jody noted that she has continued to teach digital citizenship to several classes. She has taught these lessons to more schools this year ranging from 3rd to 8th grade. Her focus with these students is to teach them how to recognize their rights and responsibilities online and to act in ways that are safe, legal, and ethical in the digital world.

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Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reported that he has discussed the sale of the Holdrege Preschool facility with the ESU 11 area Superintendents and has updated them on the New View building as well. Paul also noted the differences in pricing for the COOP Annual Buy and the COOP Year Round purchasing. Schools can save an estimated 30% if they choose to purchase supplies during the Annual Buy.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Kevin Breece, to enter Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss 2017-2018 negotiations with local ESUEA and work agreements/contracts with Classified Staff and Leadership Team Members. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Lorenda Forbes, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to exit Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Lorenda Forbes, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

A Special Board meeting will be held on December 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., and the next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on December 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

David Fleischmann called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorenda Forbes, Board Secretary