

MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
February 20, 2017

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 February 20, 2017 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, David Fleischmann, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Susan Perry, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman.

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 February 20, 2017 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of February 6, 2017 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.

Richard Phillips signed the Oath of Office and Code of Ethics as a Re-elected Board Member.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 20, 2017. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, presented the General Fund Financial Report for January 2017. Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, that the General Fund Financial Report be accepted as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Richard Phillips, that the February 2017 claims for payment be approved in the amount of \$93,311.74 and the January 2017 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$222,478.22. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

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Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, reviewed the minutes from the February ESUCC Meeting held on February 2, 2017.

Alex Wyatt, Technology Consultant, reviewed and discussed the ESU #11 Annual Survey and the Evaluation of Programs for the 2015-2016 school year. Alex showed the participation breakdown and overall scores for each ESU 11 department. The participation rate dropped by 12% this year so the Board discussed how to improve the response rate for next year. Paul Tedesco will take district-specific comments to Superintendents for their review.

Paul Tedesco discussed with the Board updates of the 2017-2018 ESU #11 contracts with member schools.

Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Machel Havenridge, to approve the purchase of new tables and chairs for ESU 11 Conference Room A. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, abstain. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 absent.

The Board discussed purchasing new carpet for the ESU 11 offices and decided to request multiple bids. The agenda item has been tabled until the March Board meeting.

Paul Tedesco discussed the progress on the sale of the Holdrege Preschool building. The buyer is requesting the suspected asbestos tile be removed in order to proceed. Dr. Tedesco has accepted a bid for the tile to be removed next week.

Paul Tedesco also discussed the New View Program numbers for the 2017-2018 school year. At this time numbers have been declining with no new enrollment seen in the near future.

The Board members discussed protocol for recognition of retiring and/or resigning staff members. Kevin Breece and Craig Philips volunteered to plan a committee meeting with members of the ESU 11 Leadership Team and Administrative Assistants.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Linda Leising, to accept the resignations/retirements of Staff Development Administrative Assistant, Diane Ronnenkamp; and Resource Teacher, Julie Tarr. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Gary Smidt, to accept the resignation of School Nurse, Lisa Hoefl. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

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Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the voluntary staff reduction request from 1.0 to .8 FTE for Speech Language Pathologist, Lesa Clifford. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Kate Hatch, Director of Staff Development, reported that ESU 11 is offering the *Teaching Students in Poverty* graduate course this spring. The course will explore the differences between middle-class and low-income students, and provide resources that can assist teachers who teach students in poverty. ESU #11 will also offer five graduate courses this summer; four courses through Hasting College and one through UNL. *On Your Mark, Get Set, GOOGLE!*, is a course that will focus on the development of lessons and ideas using Google Apps for Education. *Worksheet is a 4 Letter Word*, will help teachers identify and integrate instructional strategies that can replace the use of worksheets, and help improve student achievement in all content areas and grade levels. *Bullying: What Teachers Should Know*, will help teachers learn methods that can be used in the classroom to reduce and manage peer bullying and cyber bullying. *Concepts of Calculus for Middle Level Teachers*, helps middle school math teachers develop a fundamental understanding of key mathematical ideas for calculus. *Write Tools & TDA*, is a course that engages participants in reading and writing strategies and techniques designed to help teach the art of informative/explanatory writing and reading informational text. Participants will also learn how to teach the skills students need to successfully answer text dependent analysis questions. These five courses will run from June 5th through July 20th. Last, the *Brain Friendly Teaching* graduate course will be offered this fall. This course discusses the learning principles that are based on brain science. Participants will explore research about the human brain and how it relates to learning, and apply this knowledge to increase student achievement by identifying a variety of student engagement strategies and incorporating them in the classroom.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board that the Library/Media Specialists meeting was held on February 1st. One of the highlights was demonstrations of virtual reality hardware options, as well as VR content providers. Wade also mentioned that he presented on drones at the Career Tech Education day in Kearney last week, and did a brief demonstration of the Tynker app with one of the minidrones. He highlighted that new audio/video equipment for Conference Room B arrived, which was purchased with USDA RUS grant funds. Wade noted that the E-Rate filing window will open February 27th, and he will begin filing applications on behalf of schools during March. Wade will be attending a statewide NOC meeting and TLT training later this week.

Jody Bauer, Technology Curriculum Consultant, reported to the board about the continuation of working with Minden CL Jones through the Statewide BlendEd Pilot Project. Minden CL Jones attended the Region 4 BlendEd Pilot Project meeting in Kearney a couple of weeks ago. Jody's plan for the second year is to continue working with CL Jones and bring in another group of teachers within the school so they can work through the process of implementing BlendEd Learning as they are being mentored by the year one teachers. Jody continues to work with 3rd through 7th graders on Digital

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Citizenship skills and technology integration skills throughout some of the ESU 11 schools.

Paul Tedesco, Unit Administrator, informed the Board that he will meet with Superintendents to discuss the district results of the ESU 11 Evaluation.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on March 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Richard Phillips, to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:10 p.m. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan Perry, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Breece, Board Secretary