

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
JULY 17, 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 July 17, 2017 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, David Fleischmann, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Susan Perry, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, and Gary Smidt. Nate Stineman was absent.

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 July 17, 2017 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of July 3, 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.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Linda Leising, to excuse the absence of Nate Stineman. 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Kevin Breece, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 15, 2017 and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 22, 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Richard Phillips, seconded by Susan Perry, to approve the General Fund Financial Report for May and June 2017 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Kevin Breece, that the July 2017 General Fund claims for payment be approved in the amount of \$96,412.69 and the June 2017 expenses after the Board Meeting of \$237,130.80. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Susan

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Perry, 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 Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Kim Scoville, to waive the first reading and approve the revised and new Board Policies. 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Kevin Breece, to approve the purchase of the OdysseyWare program for participating schools. 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Richard Phillips, to accept the resignation of Paraeducator, Tosha Brink. 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the employment of Level III Paraeducator, Deb Kreutzer. 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Susan Perry, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the employment of 0.15 FTE Title I Consultant, Martha Ford. 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The ESU 11 Board did not receive a bid for the Oxford building by July 10, 2017. The Board discussed the options and what steps to take to get the building sold. Motion made by Kevin Breece, seconded by Craig Philips, to accept the resolution to retain a real estate professional and list the property. 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, updated the Board that the ESU was not able to fill the position of School Psychologist/On-Site SPED Director or full-time School Psychologist for Franklin Public School. In order to fill this position, ESU 11 plans to advertise the position opening early; allowing potential applicants, that may be currently under contract, time to apply before signing into another contract with their employer. ESU's two full-time School Psychologists will rotate days of the week that they serve their schools so that no school has a short Friday schedule each week. The districts this affects have been informed. Lona reported that the ESU districts have been

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notified that the IDEA application is open on GMS. The process has changed slightly from past years, but NDE has provided a guidance document to assist districts. Next, the Planning Region Team 11 will host an August 18th training. The training will focus on the GOLD assessment, which is required for birth to 5 year olds. One area that the PRT did not meet the state target for the Part C State Performance was under indicator 3A, Positive Social-emotional skills. PRT 11 had 11.11% and the state target was 44.5 percent. Lona informed the Board that she would be attending the National MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) Conference on August 31st and September 1st along with Kate Hatch and the ESU 11 School Psychologists. She ended her report by stating that she is excited for the upcoming school year.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, talked about the Summer Honors Program. The 2017 Summer Honors Program had 129 students and seven scholarships were distributed. The Holdrege community housed 85 students along with 11 instructors with the help of Peggy Perry making many of the phone calls. Janelle plans to start the housing process in early April 2018, in hopes that will be more effective in housing the students. Chamber Bucks were given to each family that housed the SHP students and instructors. SHP hosted Coffee AM on Friday, June 16th, and had great attendance from the community; however, Janelle does not plan to make that an annual event. The SHP Alumni 40th Anniversary celebration was held later that Friday night, and Janelle appreciated the strong support shown by the ESU 11 staff for this milestone event. Janelle was sad to report that Doug Walters, Social Science instructor, announced that the 2017 SHP class would be his last. With his announcement, she is exploring the idea of an engineering class for next year instead of Social Science. Janelle attended conferences last week that stressed the importance of entrepreneurship. She wanted to pass that information along to the ESU Board to consider offering entrepreneurship again for the upcoming years. Janelle extended her appreciation to the Board for all of their support, and a special thanks to Craig Philips for attending the SHP instructor supper, Kevin Breece for taking care of the instructors one night, and to Greg Barnes for attending Coffee AM. Last, Janelle reported that she will be helping the Holdrege Chamber of Commerce with the mobile museum on August 21st at the Prairie Museum.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board regarding summer projects that are in full swing. The new Minden High School has been a big project encompassing 11 switches and 54 access points, as well as a move of the Charter Spectrum fiber service. Wade and Alex Wyatt have also been busy installing point-to-point wireless systems at Bertrand as well as Arapahoe. They will also be working in Alma this month to install additional network equipment as part of their building renovations. Four schools in the Southwest region of ESU 11 will be receiving new firewalls. They hope to have these installed by the end of July. Wade also noted that updates in Conference Room B are nearly complete.

Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, talked to the Board about his smooth transition to the ESU with help from former Administrator, Paul Tedesco. His goal for the first part of the school year is to get to know the people in the ESU, school districts, and communities. He has scheduled meetings with ESU schools and hopes to see all of them in July and August. Greg reported that he is acclimating himself with ESU budgeting. He hopes to have some information to the Board by the August meeting, but reminded Board Members that the county valuations aren't available until August 20th so final budgeting

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won't be completed until a later date. Next, Greg discussed his GNS (Greater Nebraska Schools) membership with the Board. He explained who the members are and the goals of this group to the Board as well as the membership dues and how many times a year the group meets. The Board Members had no objections for Greg continuing his membership with GNS. Last, Greg reported that he had been in contact with local contractor, Glen Thulin, to estimate the ESU north wall leak. After looking over the blueprints and the area that is leaking, Thulin had some suggestions to fix the problem without having to replace the entire wall. Greg is waiting to receive his official proposal. Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Gary Smidt, to grant the ESU Administrator the authority to hire Glen Thulin to repair the wall leaks pending his proposal. 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

David Fleischmann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Breece, Board Secretary