

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

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 in Holdrege, Nebraska on October 16, 2017 with the following members present: David Fleischmann, Machelles Havenridge, Mary Oman, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Kevin Breece, Linda Leising, and Craig Philips were absent.

Notification was made of the open meetings law. The open meeting laws were on display throughout the Board Meeting.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on October 16, 2017 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of October 2, 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 Gary Smidt, seconded by Nate Stineman, to excuse the absences of Kevin Breece, Linda Leising, and Craig Philips. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Board President, David Fleischmann, asked the board members if they had any questions on the minutes from the Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and regular Board Meeting held on September 18, 2017. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from September 2017 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to appoint Greg Barnes as the state and federal programs administrator for ESU 11. Vote as follows: David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips,

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yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, discussed and handed out the 2016-17 ESU 11 Annual Report brochures to the Board Members. The annual report is a summary for NDE and patrons to review.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that the 2017 ESU 11 Fall Conference was a tremendous success. The conference was held on October 2, with Dave Weber as the keynote presenter and entitled "Redefine Leadership." Dave Weber's closing keynote was entitled "Overcoming Life's Goliaths". Dave was incredibly energetic and highly engaging. He is often referred to as a 'Chihuahua on caffeine' and that description is extremely accurate. Dave was one of the best keynote speakers that the ESU has had. The Fall Conference had approximately 70 breakout sessions from which conference participants could choose to attend. All of the sessions that were offered received favorable evaluations. Some of the most well attended sessions included: Dave Weber's Leadership Redefined session, Creative Tools for Transforming Compassion Fatigue, Looking Beneath the Surface at Sex Trafficking, Google Keep, ACT Writing Prep, Classroom/Behavior Management, Latest Drug Trends, and Science in 3-D. The Fall Conference had 641 teachers, counselors, and administrators in attendance. The keynote presenter commented on how organized and well run the conference was; this can be attributed to the excellent staff at ESU 11 and their dedication to excellence.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that the Birth to 5 and School Age Final Financials are due October 31. All but two districts' Birth to 5 Final Financials are completed, and only three School Age Final Financials are left to complete. Lona is working on the District Targeted Improvement Plan (DTIP) Grant. NDE has requested additional information for the grant so she is waiting to hear back from them after reviewing the newly submitted information. Lona also informed the Board that Emily McDonald, ESU 11's School Psychologist Intern, was honored with an award at the Nebraska School Psychologist Conference. She is very proud of her and the energy she has brought to our ESU districts.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, talked about the plans in progress for Summer Honors. A Medical Science Advisory meeting is scheduled for October 24 in Kearney and a SHP Advisory meeting is planned for October 30 in Holdrege. She has contacted the SHP instructors, and so far, three have confirmed their return for next year. Janelle has also contacted the UNL Engineering Department for an Engineering Instructor as well as Jo Bek at NCTA to secure an instructor in livestock. Janelle reported that there has been a lot of interest in the Battle of the Books program this year and is anticipating a large number of participants. She has also contacted six female students about participating in Code Crush, an IT immersion activity in Omaha. Janelle is attending the NAGC Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina from November 8-11 as a delegate for NAG with convention expenses paid. Last, Janelle has completed testing in Alma, Axtell, Holdrege, and Minden and is looking forward to a great school year.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, informed the Board about a new ESU wide book study following Dave Weber's keynote at the Fall Conference. Everyone who attended the Fall Conference was invited to join and read *Leadership Redefined* and post their thoughts and reflections on a Google Community. Chapter 2 has started this week and there are currently 26 people participating. Wade also reported that the ESU 11 district Librarians will be attending a meeting on October 18, and will see presentations on OverDrive as well as Future Ready Librarians programs.

Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, informed the Board that two evaluations must be completed for the Administrator in the first year according to state requirements. The Board discussed the evaluation process and updates they would like to make. Dr. Barnes told the Board that he is still waiting for the city of Oxford to sign off on the zoning and to complete the survey for the New View building. He hopes to have this process done and close on the building soon. Dr. Barnes reported on the ESUCC meeting held in Lincoln on October 4. The ESUCC is hoping to meet with Senator Groene soon to discuss their agenda for the year. A few hours were also spent with NDE working on action plans for improving services to schools.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on November 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. David Fleischmann declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Breece, Board Secretary