

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MARCH 19, 2018**

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 March 19, 2018. President Fleischmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Kevin Breece, David Fleischmann, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, 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 March 19, 2018 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU 11 during the week of March 5, 2018 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.

Roll Call – All board members present.

President Fleischman opened up the meeting for public comments from guests. No guests were present. President Fleischman closed the guest section and moved on to the next agenda item.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the February 19, 2018 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Kevin Breece, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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 Linda Leising, seconded by Gary Smidt, to accept the resignation of Kelly Simmons and thank her for her service to ESU 11. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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 Craig Philips, seconded by Kim Scoville, to offer a 2018-19 contract to Elizabeth Jamie Love to serve as Transition Coordinator for the 2018-19 school year. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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 Richard Phillips, seconded by Mary Oman, to accept the carpet replacement bid of Bruce's Furniture of \$15,159.80. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, gave the board an update on progress being made to prepare for Summer Honors Program. They are getting accommodations lined up, finalizing plans for classes, curriculum for those classes, transportation, and instructors. Mrs. Jack also reported on progress being made on the High Ability Learner action plans and shared copies of High Ability Learner Curriculum Guides she worked with schools to develop.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported to the Board on progress being made on the special education department action plans. She also provided the board with a brief explanation of Maintenance of Effort and some of the struggles schools were having meeting those MOE requirements.

Kate Hatch and Jody Bauer provided a progress update on the action plans in the area of professional development. They reported that ESU 11 is currently in year 4 of their 5-year continuous improvement cycle. During the course of this timespan, each department has identified goals. Goals for the Staff Development Department are centered around the NDE Statewide Initiatives, Teacher/Principal Evaluation, Blended Learning, in addition to helping districts create a professional development plan and establishing Professional Learning Communities for singleton teachers in our small districts. They also reported that 12 of our districts have adopted an instructional model, and are in the process of incorporating this language into their teacher evaluation tool. Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Hatch will soon travel to each of our districts to meet with superintendents and principals to discuss their professional development needs and set those dates on the calendar. They also reported that one of the NDE statewide initiatives focuses on incorporating Blended Learning. To support this initiative, they encourage districts to participate in statewide trainings and coordinate 3 Blended Learning cohorts within the ESU 11 area. Lastly, they reported that ESU 11 has integrated Professional Learning Communities in an attempt to encourage collaboration and support singleton teachers in our small districts. These PLCs focus on the newly revised Nebraska College and Career Ready Standards. Teachers come together and identify essential learnings, discuss best practices, research new and innovative methods for teaching these standards, and create lessons and formative assessments to help check for student understanding.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board regarding recent E-Rate Category 2 RFPs which were finalized. Wade coordinated bids for seven ESU 11 districts and all bids were awarded to the same company. The seven projects total close to \$100,000, with roughly \$70,000 of that being eligible for E-Rate discount. Wade also mentioned that he is working on an order to replace ten firewalls in the ESU 11 area this summer, and also updated the Board on progress with the ESU 11's new MDM (Mobile Device Management) solution, Mosyle.

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Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, provided a summary of the March ESUCC meeting. He also visited with the board about employee contracts for 2018-19 and gave a legislative update. Dr. Barnes also shared information about potential summer maintenance projects for the ESU 11 building and grounds.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on April 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. David Fleischmann, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kevin Breece, Board Secretary