

MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2018

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 December 17, 2018 with the following members present: Kevin Breece, David Fleischmann, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Mary Oman was absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on December 17, 2018 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of December 3, 2018. 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.

Chris Erikson and Galen Kronhofman were recognized as visitors to the Board Meeting.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to excuse the absence of Mary Oman. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Board President, David Fleischmann, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from November 19, 2018. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from November 2018 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

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Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Richard Phillips, to accept the 2017-18 State Audit Report as presented. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Dr. Barnes expressed his appreciation to board members David Fleischmann and Kevin Breece for their service to ESU 11.

Alex Wyatt, Technology Consultant, updated the board on the new online security system the ESU is utilizing from the Department of Homeland Security called Cyber Hygiene. This security system registers all IP addresses in the ESU 11 district and checks for vulnerabilities that can lead to potential security risks.

Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, reported that she continues to meet with teachers in their classrooms to observe their progress with blended learning. She shared information about a walkthrough tool she uses during her visits to determine the best practices. Jody also visits schools to help with digital citizenship, tech support, and specific trainings based on the district needs.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that NDE is scheduled to release the AQuESTT classification information on Friday, December 21. Schools will be identified as Needs Improvement, Good, Great, or Excellent based on NSCAS scores, graduation rate, chronic absenteeism, and English Language Learners at the district, high school, and elementary levels. In the areas of assessment, calculations were done to determine both growth and improvement. At this time, NDE has not communicated what schools will need to do that fall into the Needs Improvement category. Kate has also been in various districts conducting in-services on topics such as, Student Engagement and Motivation, Perceptual Data Analysis, Statewide Assessment and Improving Student Achievement, and Continuous Improvement External Visitation. Last, Kate reported that NDE conducted a Carl Perkins Monitoring visit in December. All of the documentation/evidence has been gathered and submitted to NDE. Our Perkins Monitor is preparing a final report indicating any recommendations or changes to our practices should they be necessary.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, talked about the completed and upcoming quiz bowls she is helping with this year; thirty-three competitions in all. She continues to visit the schools and work with identified students as well as help the classroom teachers enrich their curriculum. Janelle informed the board that many of the 2019 Summer Honors instructors have been secured. She is still working to fill the Agriculture position but hopes the previous Ag instructor can put her in contact with someone from NCTA. Last, Janelle reported that the schools attending the January 9th elementary quiz bowl are honoring a sixth grade student from Bertrand diagnosed with Leukemia. Matching shirts will be worn to show their support for the student.

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Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, updated the board on topics discussed at the Superintendent Advisory meeting held on December 5. He also mentioned that the Special Education for Board Members workshop is scheduled for February 4 at 6:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. Dr. Barnes talked about BluePrint Nebraska, which is a new initiative to provide a better-trained workforce and economic growth. He has worked with educators through the Greater Nebraska Superintendents group to develop some educational strategies that may help BluePrint Nebraska progress.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Linda Leising, to enter into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss the ESU Administrator's Evaluation and Collective Bargaining. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Craig Philips, to exit Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. Vote as follows: Kevin Breece, yes; David Fleischmann, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on January 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. David Fleischmann, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Breece, Board Secretary