

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MARCH 18, 2019**

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 18, 2019. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, and Mary Oman were 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 March 18, 2019 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU 11 during the week of March 4, 2019 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 Craig Philips, to excuse the absence of Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, and Mary Oman. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the February 18, 2019 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Craig Philips, to accept the resignation of Tricia Hakonson effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, reported to the Board that she has been visiting ESU 11 districts to help the Blended Learning Cohort teachers work on their goals. Next year the Blended Learning Cohort will focus on middle and high school teachers; however, Jody will continue to support past and present cohorts. In the past month, Jody had technology trainings at Alma, Loomis, and Southern Valley. These trainings focused on specific technology tools the schools were interested in using. Jody

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is attending the NETA Conference as well as the IXL Live Event in Omaha within the next two weeks. Last, Jody continues to offer tech support and digital citizenship trainings for districts based on their needs.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported to the Board that the Maintenance of Effort Compliance Standard opened on March 15 and is due by April 30, so she is supporting the Superintendents that request assistance. The Speech Department has an intern from UNK that is being supervised by Jill Bauer and Jenni Guthrie. The internship is a great opportunity to gain experience and also familiarize the student with ESUs. Lona noted that three districts in the Monitoring Process have submitted their Phase 1 information to NDE. The next phase is the File Review; NDE will review a number of students either electronically through the Student Record System or by hard copies. Last, Lona informed the Board that the Youth First Conference is on April 15 at UNK with keynote speakers Tim Wambach and Mike Berkson. Registrations are coming in and she is looking forward to another great conference.

Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, informed the Board that Dr. Kraig Lofquist of ESU 9 has been hired as the ESUCC Director. He mentioned that ESU 6 – Milford, ESU 8 – Neligh, and ESU 13 – Scottsbluff have also hired new administrators for next year. Dr. Barnes visited with the board about building and grounds maintenance that need to be addressed due to the snowmelt and excess rain and also gave a brief legislative update.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Craig Philips to enter Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Richard Phillips, Board President, restated the reason to enter Executive Session is to discuss personnel.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Craig Philips, to exit Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Craig Philips, to approve a 3.6% package increase for classified staff for 2019-20. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Motion made by Criag Philips, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve a 3.6% package increase for the Coordinators/Directors for 2019-20. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

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It was a consensus of the Board to table the pay increase for 2019-20 administrator contract until the April Board Meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on April 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Oman, Board Secretary