

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2019**

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 August 19, 2019 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, 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 August 19, 2019 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of August 5, 2019 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN on August 7, 2019. 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.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Linda Leising to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to accept the resolution to raise restricted funds (property tax) portion of the general fund budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by the allowable rate of one percent, in accordance with the provisions set forth in LB 299. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Mary Oman, to designate KSB Law Firm as legal counsel for ESU #11 for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes;

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Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that the SPED staff have begun serving districts and are working on schedules as well as building strong partnerships with the schools. On August 8, an ESU-wide Special Education meeting was held at ESU 11. During this meeting, Lona shared updates from NDE, reviewed information needed for Prior Written Notice, provided the IEP Team a Decision Guide for the Alternate Assessment, and informed the staff about the changes in the Student Records System (SRS). Lona mentioned that the Final Financials will combine from three separate reports (Birth to 5, School-Age, and Transportation) to one report. The timeframe to complete and submit the Final Financials is shorter this year so Lona and SPED Administrative Assistant, Mandy Helms, have begun preparations. Last, Lona informed the Board of the upcoming trainings. On August 23, the Planning Region Team is hosting a Team Building and Team Self-Assessment training for Early Intervention teams; and on September 13, the Central Region Transition team will host a transition-based IEP training.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that she and Bertrand Community Schools Librarian/Tech Integration Specialist, Steph Dannehl, traveled to Philadelphia to present at the ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) conference. The presentation was titled "The New Reality in Education" and demonstrated how students in the area use and create augmented and virtual-reality content to elevate their learning. Participants were also able to experience the HoloLens first hand. Kate and Steph created a website to allow participants to explore the various types of activities that they are exposing to area students and teachers. Kate reported that it was a tremendous experience to be able to share what educators and students are doing in our area with educators from across the nation and other countries. Based on many conversations they had with other educators during the conference, ESU 11 is a pioneer in this area of new reality education. Kate informed the Board that the beginning of the 2019-20 school year has been busy for the Staff Development Department. She and Jody Bauer have conducted five workshops at ESU 11 and facilitated a combined total of 12 workshops in 12 different schools since the last week in July.

Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reported that he had some financial discussions with ESU 11 department directors and plans to start discussions with ESU Superintendents this week. He will update the Board on these discussions during the budget work session on September 3. Dr. Barnes mentioned that he is waiting to hear back from contractors regarding the water drainage issues. Dr. Barnes and CSI Coordinator, Monica Boyken, had a great turnout for the CSI Labs staff training day on August 7. Monica has been busy this summer communicating with staff and schools as well as learning how the labs work.

The next special meeting (budget work session) of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will occur on September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting

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of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 and the 2019-2020 Budget/Property Tax Hearings will be held on September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Phillips, Board President, called the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary