

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 September 16, 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.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and notification was made of the open meeting law.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on September 16, 2019 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of September 9, 2019 and was broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN on September 9, 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.

Board President, Richard Phillips, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from August 19, 2019 or the special board meeting minutes from September 3, 2019. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from August 2019 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, 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; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the 2019-2020 ESU 11 Budget as advertised. 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; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 10 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

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Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the 2019-2020 property tax request resolution as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, 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.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, updated the Board on the AQuESTT accountability system. Schools will soon be notified as to how they are classified as either Excellent, Great, Good, or Needs Improvement. This year, schools will be designated as Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI). This category focuses on schools with consistently underperforming student groups defined as the 7 major racial/ethnic groups, English learners, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students. Schools classified as "Good" can be designated as TSI. Schools will also be designated as Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI). This category is specifically for schools with one or more student groups performing at or below the performance of all students in the lowest performing schools. Kate has also been helping districts adhere to the requirements of the Reading Improvement Act. She will be busy conducting workshops for Crisis Teams, Professional Learning Communities, Continuous Improvement, Entry Year teachers, and Blended Learning. The Staff Development Department is also finalizing preparations for the 2019 Fall Conference on October 7. The opening and closing keynote presenter will be Dr. Joe Sanfelippo, Superintendent of Fall Creek School District in Fall Creek, Wisconsin.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported that the Summer Honors Program (SHP) was a success this year however, finding housing for the students remains challenging. Janelle and Administrator, Greg Barnes, have discussed options to solve the housing shortage, but have not reached a resolution. SHP Alumni have also offered to help bridge the gap in finding housing for the program. Janelle also reported that the Rural School activity has been rescheduled from fall to spring at the Nebraska Prairie Museum, due to the recent flooding events.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that a Transition Based IEP Training was held on September 13 through the Central Region Transition Grant. A total of 72 participants from ESU 9, ESU 10 and ESU 11 attended the training. Transition planning continues to be a focus in the Monitoring Process, which three ESU 11 districts completed Phase 1 last year. Those districts have a Summary Monitoring Meeting scheduled with NDE in the next few weeks. Lona has participated in webinars hosted by Fairbanks and DHHS regarding the high number of "Code 11s" reported through Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS). During these webinars, Lona has received guidance to list SPED staff on the ESU 11 Fairbanks Participant List to avoid Code 11 errors on the Random Moment of Time Study for ESU 11 districts.

Wade Gibson, Media Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board that the Axtell shop and network upgrade project has been completed. The E-Rate funding commitment came later than expected, but the project was still able to be completed prior to school starting. Wade mentioned that Axtell is the first district to try a new security camera system that came recommended from ESU 11 at one of last year's LAN Managers meetings. The

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first Tech Talk Tuesday of the year was held on September 3 and was well attended. The Librarians/Media Specialists meeting is scheduled for October 16 at the Minden High School Library, and ESU 11 is hosting the LAN Managers meeting scheduled for October 23.

Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, reported that last month she provided trainings on different software programs such as IXL, Mystery Science, and Google Classroom for the school districts. On September 4, ESU 11 hosted a Camera Doctor workshop for students and teachers with Alan Maes from Kearney. Eight schools with a total of 49 participants attended the workshop. Jody mentioned that the first Blended Learning workshop for the school year is on September 24, and this workshop will focus on helping middle school and high school teachers implement Blended Learning into their classroom. In October, Jody will offer the Deeper Dive into Blended Learning workshop with elementary teachers. These teachers already have a general understanding of blended learning and have been implementing what they've learned into their classroom. The focus will be on exploring other models that further integrates technology into instruction and assessment to create a more personalized approach for students.

Dr. Barnes, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on the ESUCC and PDO meetings held on September 5, 10, and 11. He plans to attend the ESU Hearing/Interim Study on October 4 and has contacted people across our ESU to provide letters to send to the Education Committee members. Dr. Barnes and the district superintendents would like to bring KSB School Law back to the area for a Hot Topics in Education workshop. Like last year, school board members and administrators will be invited to attend the workshop on February 5, 2020. Last, Dr. Barnes reported that our yearly audit has been scheduled for November 21, 2019.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Board President Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary