

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 2019 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, and Gary Smidt. Mary Oman, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman were absent.

Notification was made of the open meetings law. The open meetings law were on display throughout the Board Meeting.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on October 21, 2019 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of October 7, 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 absences of Mary Oman, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Mary Oman arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Board President, Richard Phillips, asked the board members if they had any questions on the minutes from the Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and regular Board Meeting held on September 16, 2019. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from September 2019 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Mary Oman, 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; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Craig Philips, to appoint Greg Barnes as the state and federal programs administrator for ESU #11. Vote as follows: Chris

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Erickson, yes; Machelie Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Dr. Barnes presented the 2018-19 ESU #11 Annual Report brochure. The annual report is a summary for NDE and patrons to review. We share the report with schools and other ESUs, post the information on our website, and have brochures available in our office.

Dr. Barnes informed the Board that one evaluation must be completed for the Administrator according to state requirements. He reported that the AQuESTT classifications were made public this month. Schools each received a classification of either Needs Improvement, Good, Great, or Excellent. The results for all Nebraska schools can be found at <https://nep.education.ne.gov/>. Dr. Barnes spoke about the LR63 Hearing and said over 140 letters were delivered to all of the senators on the Education Committee in support of ESUs. The 2019 ESU #11 Fall Conference was a success. The keynote speaker, Dr. Sanfelippo, was a great motivational speaker and we received many positive comments from attendees. The conference had a great turnout and all ESU #11 districts were represented well. Dr. Barnes reported that Franklin Public School has requested additional support for a special education teacher. ESU #11 is planning to advertise in hopes to find a teacher graduating after the first semester. Dr. Barnes reminded the Board that KSB Law will be in Holdrege on February 5th, to present Hot Topics in Education for board members and school personnel.

Board President, Richard Phillips, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on November 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary