

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2020**

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 January 20, 2020 with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, and Gary Smidt. Chris Erickson, Mary Oman, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman 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 January 20, 2020 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU 11 during the week of January 6, 2020 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 Chris Erickson, Mary Oman, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

The next item on the agenda called for the election of officers to serve a one-year term of office on the Board. The offices to be filled were President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to keep the President, Vice President, and Secretary officers the same in 2020 as they were in 2019: Richard Phillips, President; Galen Kronhofman, Vice President; Mary Oman, Secretary. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, no; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 5 yes, 1 no, 4 absent.

Chris Erickson, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman arrived at 5:03 p.m.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Linda Leising, to appoint Elizabeth Piening as Board Treasurer from February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, 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 Members discussed and agreed to keep the same members in the 2020 committees as the 2019 Negotiation, Budget, and Policy committees.

Board President, Richard Phillips, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from December 16, 2019. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from December 2019 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, 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 ESU 11 Board Code of Ethics was presented to the Board Members and signed by those present.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Gary Smidt, to designate KSB School Law as the ESU 11 legal counsel. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, 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 Board has agreed to keep the 2020 authorized signers to the designated banks and accounts the same as the 2019 signers: ESU 11 Administrator, Greg Barnes, and ESU 11 Treasurer, Elizabeth Piening, as authorized signers for all Non-General Fund accounts; and ESU 11 Chairperson, Richard Phillips, Board Secretary, Mary Oman, alternate board member, Craig Philips, and Administrator, Greg Barnes (alternate) as authorized signees for the ESU 11 General Fund checks from Great Western Bank.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the Newspapers of Record as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, 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 Craig Philips, seconded by Kim Scoville, to accept the resignation of School Psychologist, Katie Wollenburg. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, 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 Nate Stineman, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the 60-month maintenance and lease agreement with Eakes for the color and black and white copiers. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, 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.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported to the Board that the first Wisdom Wednesday meeting was held on January 8th. Several topics were discussed such as: purpose of the Zoom meetings, new guidance from NDE regarding timeline for initial evaluations, and IEP goals focusing on skill-based versus score-based. Lona thought it was a great turnout for the first meeting. Initial Certification for MANDT training is being offered with April Overholser as the certified trainer. The first class was held last week and the second day will be held Tuesday, January 21st. The training is on relationship building, de-escalation, and proper technique for physical support and restraint. Lona has visited some districts to assist with ESSA awareness training on the Alternate Assessment. All staff are required to have this training as they may be a part of IEP teams that determine if this assessment is appropriate for the student. As president-elect for NASES, Lona is part of the Leadership Liaison, which is a combination of NDE staff and NASES representatives. The intent of the group is to be more proactive to address state-wide issues versus being reactive to them. The third meeting for this year was postponed last week due to inclement weather.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that she and Jody Bauer will be presenting at the Spring NETA Stateside Technology Conference in Omaha in March. Their presentation will focus on sharing information and techniques that will help teachers integrate technology and brain-based learning strategies. They will also be presenting at Peru State College in February. This conference is specifically designed for the schools in the ESU 4 area and is coordinated by the Staff Development Department at ESU 4. Two staff developers from ESU 4 conducted sessions at the ESU 11 Fall Conference in October, so this will allow Kate and Jody to return the favor. At the statewide meetings last week, Kate learned about several changes that will be impacting the schools in the near future. Items that she will be assisting with include revising the current teacher evaluation tool, providing documentation for ATSI designated schools, and implementing the changes within Rule 10 that affect the Continuous Improvement process.

Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, presented that she continues to work with Blended Learning teachers this semester. She has a couple blended learning workshops coming up in February; one for our new cohort consisting of high school teachers and one for our second and third year cohort consisting of elementary teachers. Jody also mentioned that she is working with a small group of Arapahoe teachers on implementing blended learning into their classroom so they can have the experience to slowly train some of their staff. This semester Jody will continue to travel to schools and teach Digital Citizenship in a variety of grade levels. Some of the topics that are recommended by teachers are cyberbullying, online privacy, and respectful use of digital devices. Jody plans to cover the recommended topics this semester.

Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on legislative bills including LB998, LB974, and LR63. Dr. Barnes reported that he has presented at PCDC and 4H regarding the CSI Labs. He also went over the survey results for the CSI Labs that have been well received by the students in our districts. Dr. Barnes attended the ESUCC meetings on January 13th and 14th. A major topic of discussion at the meetings was how to educate communities and promote the services provided by ESUs. Last, Dr.

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Barnes reminded the Board Members that the Hot Topics meeting presented by KSB Law is on Wednesday, February 5th at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on February 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary