

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2020**

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 17, 2020 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Galen Kronhofman was 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 August 17, 2020 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of August 3, 2020 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN on August 5, 2020. 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 Linda Leising, seconded by Kim Scoville, to excuse the absence of Galen Kronhofman. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, 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 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the June 15, 2020 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Craig Philips to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, 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 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Mary Oman, to accept the resolution to raise restricted funds (property tax) portion of the general fund budget for the 2020-2021 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; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard

BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 11 believes it is in the best interest of ESU #11 to raise the restricted fund portion of the 2020-21 general fund budget by 1%, over the restricted fund portion of the 2019-20 general fund budget of ESU #11 as allowed by law;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 2020-21 general fund budget of ESU #11 be authorized in an amount of 1%, over the 2019-20 general fund budget of ESU #11, and that this resolution be adopted by an affirmative vote of 75% of the board.

Roll Call Vote as follows this 17th day of August 2020:

Board Member	YES	NO	ABSENT
Chris Ericson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Machelle Havenridge	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Galen Kronhofman	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Linda Leising	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Mary Oman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Craig Philips	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Richard Phillips	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Kim Scoville	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Gary Smidt	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Nate Stineman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

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Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Linda Leising, to designate KSB Law Firm as legal counsel for ESU #11 for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Phillips, 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 Mary Oman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the ESU #11 COVID-19 Plan for 2020-21. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Phillips, 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 Chris Erickson, seconded by Linda Leising, to authorize the ESU #11 Administrator to update ESU #11 Board Policies with KSB Law for \$4,750. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Phillips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, no; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, no. Motion carried 7 yes, 2 no, 1 absent.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported she has been assisting district administrators and special education staff navigate what is needed in the area of special education, paperwork, and providing services to students upon returning to the school building. ESU #11 staff are out in the districts working on schedules and determining days of the week in each assigned district. Lona has also provided support to the districts with the following trainings: Inclusive Educational Practices, Corrective Action Plan for a District from Monitoring, and monthly special education Zoom meetings. Lona has begun her term as President of NASES and she is excited to represent ESU #11 as well as other special education directors.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that the Staff Development Department has been very busy this month. She hosted the following five workshops between August 3rd through August 7th: Principal Breakfast, Intro to APL, PowerSchool, Entry Year #1, and Intro to Marzano. Social distancing was practiced during these workshops and all participants wore masks. The number of Entry Year participants was significantly lower this year; Franklin Public was unable to attend due to adjusting their school calendar in order to begin the school year earlier than originally planned. Holdrege Public decided to have their own workshop since their number of participants would have made it challenging to follow the social distancing protocols at ESU #11. Kate and Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, offered the following in-services during August 10th through August 17th: Wilcox-Hildreth Writing Curriculum, Loomis Reading Comprehension, Eustis-Farnam MTSS & Assessments, Southern Valley APL Review, Arapahoe Continuous Improvement, Minden Remote Instruction, Arapahoe Remote Instruction/Blended Learning, Bertrand Social Emotional Learning, and Axtell Emotional Resilience and Schoology. Kate and Jody will be working the next few weeks to finalize

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September workshops. Participants will have the option to attend all workshops face-to-face or virtually.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported on a widespread Charter-Spectrum network outage that affected eight ESU #11 area sites on August 17th. This outage included the ESU #11 office internet and telephones. While this is a relatively rare occurrence, the outage did last nearly three hours during the middle of the day. Wade updated the Board on the progress with the network installation at Wilcox as well as details regarding the technology transition at Holdrege Public Schools. Wade mentioned that the technology department has resumed Tech Talk Tuesday Zoom meetings and have also added a Media Monday Zoom session for Librarians and Media Specialists.

Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reported that he would like to have a special meeting of the board to review his proposed budget on Monday, August 31st. The budget needs to be filed by September 20th so the regular board meeting will need to be held on September 14th, one week earlier than originally scheduled. Dr. Barnes discussed the next possible projects regarding maintenance of the ESU #11 building and grounds.

The next special meeting (budget work session) of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will occur on August 31, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 and the 2020-2021 Budget/Property Tax Hearings will be held on September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary