

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 2020 with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Chris Erickson, Craig Philips, and Richard Phillips 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 October 19, 2020 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of October 5, 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 Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Mary Oman, to excuse the absences of Chris Erickson, Craig Philips, and Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Board Vice President, Galen Kronhofman, 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 14, 2020. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from September 2020 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Linda Leising, to appoint Greg Barnes as the state and federal programs administrator for ESU #11. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

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Dr. Barnes presented the 2019-20 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. Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Kim Scoville, to accept the 2019-20 ESU 11 Annual Report. Vote as follows: Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported that the Gifted Department continues to keep busy with activities in the schools as well as testing of individual students. Janelle helped the Nebraska Prairie Museum with the State Corn Husking Day activities to show her appreciation for all the kindness the museum has shown the Gifted Department. Janelle has contacted the instructors for Summer Honors and the response has been good; the instructors are excited to be back in Holdrege, COVID or not. She is hoping that Summer Honors will be able to take place with some changes, though time will tell. Janelle tested another virtual quiz bowl with the Axtell students and believes it will be a good option if needed this year. Last, Janelle reported that Give to Grow is on November 19th and she encouraged participation if patrons are able to give.

Dr. Barnes informed the Board that a formal evaluation must be completed for the Administrator this year. He reported recent updates on the COVID-19 pandemic and discussed plans for moving forward as well as improvements needed for the building and grounds. Dr. Barnes discussed the possibility of electronic meetings and that we are allowed up to half of our board meetings to be offered virtually. Dr. Barnes is working with the ESUCC to try and get the legislation changed to unlimited virtual meetings and would allow for the public to attend meetings at the ESU 11 office or virtually. Last, Dr. Barnes reported that in the last year he has worked with Janssen and Sons Auto, PCDC, and CCC to help get an auto tech pathway started through CCC with the first course being held Thursday evenings at Janssen and Sons in Holdrege. Currently, students have enrolled from Holdrege and Wilcox-Hildreth with PCDC paying their tuition. Dr. Barnes would like to keep working with CCC on career opportunities for ESU 11 schools and students.

Board Vice President, Galen Kronhofman, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on November 16, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary