

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

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 February 22, 2021. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Craig Phillips, and Richard Phillips. Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman attended via Zoom. Chris Erickson and Kim Scoville 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 February 15, 2021 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU 11 during the week of February 3, 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. Due to inclement weather on February 15th, the board meeting was rescheduled to February 22, 2021 and posted on the ESU 11 website as well as ESU 11 Office doors.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Mary Oman, to excuse the absences of Chris Erickson and Kim Scoville. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Phillips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Kim Scoville entered the meeting via Zoom at 5:05 p.m.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the January 18, 2021 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, 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.

The ESU 11 Board Members discussed whether to rejoin and pay the Annual NASB Membership dues. After discussion no action was taken.

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Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported that since Christmas Break the Gifted Department has helped with 10 quiz bowls and have another one scheduled for February 24th. Janelle has individually tested 18 students in various districts; she is working on Invention Convention, which will be held on March 18th and is anticipating 70 participants; and is testing and gathering portfolios for 352 registered students for Summer Honors. The Battle of the Books is set for April 16th and so far, she has received and recorded 260 activities from 79 students. Janelle participated in the Nebraska Association for the Gifted meeting last week and feels very lucky to be able to work with HAL students in their districts; many HAL Coordinators stated that they were not able to work with their students due to COVID protocols. Last, Janelle reported that she will be participating in a Survey Review of Rule 3.

Jody Bauer, Curriculum/Technology Consultant, shared with the board that our annual Digital Symposium that we usually have at ESU 10 and other virtual sites was canceled due to COVID. So instead, ESUs across the state put together Digital Citizenship lessons and a contest for K-12 students. The content is divided into early elementary, upper elementary and MS/HS ages. For our 7-12 grade lessons, Karen Hasse created three videos on three different topics along with discussion questions and a check for understanding assessment. For the contest, students were asked to create a poster or public service announcement related to the lesson topics provided. Entries must include the theme “Belong, Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Digi Smart”. We asked that all entries must convey a positive approach to digital citizenship. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen from each grade group: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Winners will receive a certificate and a gift card, as well as recognition at the Future Ready Conference and on the ESUCC website. We have several schools participating in the contest: Minden CL Jones, Bertrand, Loomis, Franklin and Wilcox-Hildreth.

Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, provided an update on the office building and grounds projects. On February 8th, Dr. Barnes attended ESU Day at the Capitol to share information with Senators about ESUs. He also gave a legislative update and spoke about the Turn it Up to ESU 11 anniversary events on February 11th.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Craig Philips, to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel negotiations at 6:05 p.m. Vote as follows: 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 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Richard Phillips, Board President, restated the reason for Executive Session is to discuss personnel negotiations.

Motion made by Mary Oman, seconded by Craig Philips, to exit Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. Vote as follows: 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 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

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Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the Terms and Conditions with Certified Staff for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 as edited. Vote as follows: Machelie 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 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on March 15, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary