

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 12, 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, and via Zoom on April 12, 2021 with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman. Gary Smidt attended via Zoom. Chris Erickson and Mary Oman 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 April 12, 2021 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU 11 during the week of March 29, 2021 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 Linda Leising, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to excuse the absences of board members Chris Erickson and Mary Oman. Vote as follows: 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 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Mary Oman arrived to the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the March 15, 2021 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Craig Philips, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles 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.

Motion made by Mary Oman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve new ESU 11 office hours of 8:00-4:30 Monday through Thursday, 8:00-3:30 on Friday during the school year; and 8:00-3:30 Monday through Friday during the summer, beginning on May 20, 2021. Vote as follows: Machelles 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.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the 2021-22 ESU 11 Calendar as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman,

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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 Linda Leising, seconded by Machel Havenridge, to approve a 3% wage package increase for the ESU 11 Administrator for 2021-22. Vote as follows: 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.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported that the ESU hosted the State Future Problem Solving competition for our participating schools; forty-five students were in attendance from Franklin and Minden. On April 16th, the Gifted Department will host Battle of the Books. Janelle has been busy with enrichment activities requested by schools and will be in Minden next week working with the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Other enrichment activities are centered around the Titanic, which is the 106th anniversary of its sinking on April 15th. She is also working with two Loomis students this week to finish their study on the United Kingdom. Janelle has received a wonderful response to the Rural School House activity held at the Nebraska Prairie Museum with eight different classes currently signed up. The Summer Honors registration is due on Wednesday, April 14th. Janelle and Destinee Steinke are looking forward to Summer Honors and the awesome students who are attending.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that the ESU will host a smaller version of the Youth First Conference on Monday, April 19th, at the Ramada Inn in Kearney. Eighty-six students and teachers are registered for the event. The format is different this year, but Jamie Love, Transition Coordinator, has worked hard to organize the event and is excited to offer the conference. Next, Lona reported that the ESU is partnering with NeMTSS to host a discussion on the new Specific Learning Disability Eligibility Guidelines on April 23rd. She is encouraging the districts' special education staff and members of their Core MTSS team to attend. The new Eligibility Guidelines are firmly rooted in using MTSS to determine eligibility for special education in the area of Specific Learning in Reading. Last, the Planning Region Team 11 (PRT), which consists of districts within ESU 11, will have their Exit Meeting with NDE and DHHS from their File Review on May 5th. One Part C file, children birth to age three, was reviewed by the co-leads for compliance. If regulations are found to be out of compliance, PRT will need to write a Corrective Action Plan and conduct training.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that she has been holding Lunch and Learn meetings for CTE teachers for the past several months. These meetings are part of the Carl Perkins grant. The virtual meetings are no longer than 30 minutes and involve an area business person discussing the necessary skills that young adults must have in order to be successful in the industry that is being referred to. The meetings are held over the noon hour, and have also been recorded so that if teachers are not able to attend, they can watch at a later time. Kate has held meetings with a financial advisor, boutique owner, culinary arts specialist, veterinarian, banker, and custom harvester. As the school year begins to wind down, Kate and Jody Bauer, Technology Curriculum Consultant, are preparing for summer. Jody has three Blended Learning workshops scheduled for June, and Kate will be helping a district create a scope and sequence for their K-12 Math, ELA, and Science programs. ESU 11 will also be offering two graduate classes in June: Create and Design Digital Experiences with Stephanie Dannehl and Social

Emotional Learning with Karmen Scharff-Sears. Currently, four people are registered for the Digital Experiences class and five registered for the SEL class. Pending approval from Hastings College, Kate will be offering a fall class about Generation Z and why they are the most anxious population.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported to the Board that a LAN Managers meeting was hosted at the ESU on March 31st. He scheduled a follow-up demo with Securly after several schools expressed interest and had more questions. Wade mentioned that the Minden football field point-to-point wireless is now in place, and touched base on the work he and Alex Wyatt, Technology Consultant, have done at Franklin recently following the resignation of their Technology Coordinator. A new server will soon be arriving that the ESU has purchased to replace an older server in their fleet. Several districts have aging servers as well, so this configuration is also serving as a test pilot for potential district server replacements.

Dr. Barnes, Unit Administrator, gave a legislative update as well as reported on the building and grounds. Dr. Barnes continues to work on the policy updates with a goal to have all sections approved by the June board meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary