

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 21, 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 June 21, 2021 with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman. Chris Erickson, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, and Gary Smidt 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 June 21, 2021 was published in one newspaper of general circulation in each of the six counties making up ESU #11 during the week of June 7, 2021 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN. 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 Kim Scoville, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to excuse the absences of Chris Erickson, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, and Gary Smidt. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Board President, Richard Phillips, acknowledged visitors: Tristin Eddy, Resource Teacher; Cari Sughroue, Behavior Mental Health Consultant; and Maryka Weverka, Resource Teacher.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Craig Philips, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Mary Oman, to forgo the July 2021 ESU #11 Board Meeting and to authorize payment of the July 2021 Claims. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

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Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Craig Philips, to accept the bid of Tri-County Glass of \$18,035 to replace five exterior doors. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Chris Erickson arrived to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motion made by Mary Oman, seconded by Craig Philips, to rescind all of the current ESU #11 policies and adopt the new policies as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the 2021-22 ESU #11 Staff Handbook as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the hire of Erin Heath for the CSI Coordinators position. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Chris Erickson, to approve the hire of Erin Heath for the Title I Coordinator position. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the Redistricting Agreement with UNO as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes, Mary Oman, yes, Craig Philips, yes, Richard Phillips, yes, Kim Scoville, yes, and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported on updates regarding the continuous improvement action plans for the Media & Technology department. He shared with the Board their progress on various activities related to infrastructure, systems, and applications and how those goals are being met. Wade noted that the CIP (Continuous Improvement Process) helps ensure that they are meeting the needs of ESU #11 school districts and continuing to provide quality service, leadership, and vision.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that she has been helping the districts complete the 2022 IDEA Grant application that was due on June 16th. Some districts are having to amend their 2021 IDEA grant for various reasons such as: carryover dollars from the previous year, verification of staff that the district is planning to use IDEA grant funds for salary and benefits, and adjusting amounts identified in the original grant application based on actual expenditures. Lona reported

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that the Planning Region Team 11 (PRT 11) went through the monitoring process this year. PRT 11 was found out of compliance in a few areas so the team is writing a Corrective Action Plan that will be submitted to the state Co-Leads by July 15th. Next, the Transition department is working with districts to meet the requirements in LB527. This bill moves the age of transition services for students with Developmental Disabilities from age 16 to 14. NDE will share some guidance for the changes made.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that NDE will be collecting feedback and input on the proposed draft of the ELA Standards through a public input survey. The survey can be accessed on NDE's website and will remain open from June 16th through July 7th. Kate informed the Board that two graduate classes were completed in June. Stephanie Dannehl taught *Create and Design Digital Experiences* and had nine participants. Karmen Scharf-Sears taught *Navigating This Thing Called Social-Emotional Learning* and had twelve participants. Hastings College gives ESU #11 50% of the tuition cost to cover the cost of instructor salaries. Last, Kate reported that the 2021-2022 Carl Perkins grant has been approved so she will be notifying districts that they can begin to order equipment and curriculum on July 1st. During the month of July, she and Jody Bauer will be preparing for teacher workshops and back to school in-services; they will be conducting a total of 17 in-services between August 2nd and August 16th.

Dr. Barnes, Unit Administrator, reported on the following legislative bills: LB83, LB639, LB452, LB528 and LB2. He also updated the Board on the building and grounds work including the replacement of sprinkler valves and a new handicap door controller. Dr. Barnes also reported on his administrative goals for the upcoming year.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on August 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary