

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

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 September 13, 2021 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelle Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, and Gary Smidt. Linda Leising and Nate Stineman were absent.

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and notification was made of the open meeting law.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on September 13, 2021 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU #11 during the week of September 6, 2021 and was broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN on September 2, 2021. 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 Machelle Havenridge, seconded by Kim Scoville, to excuse the absences of Linda Leising and Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Board President, Richard Phillips, opened the floor for public comment. No visitors were present for comment.

Board President, Richard Phillips, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from August 16, 2021 or the special board meeting minutes from August 30, 2021. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from August 2021 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Mary Oman, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips,

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yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the 2021-2022 ESU 11 Budget as advertised. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the 2021-2022 property tax request resolution as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that IDEA American Recovery Plan dollars were added to each district's IDEA grant on the Grant Management System. Each district will need to amend its original IDEA grant to identify how to allocate the additional funds. Amendments are due by September 24th. Lona reported that NDE has released a new Technical Assistance document to support districts in developing procedures that align with policies adopted by the board. Districts across the state have not had practices in place to ensure that their procedures are updated; therefore, the guidance document was welcomed. Lona will be working with the districts and Special Education staff to develop procedures that outline their practices and make sure the practices align with regulations and policies. Next, Lona mentioned that information was sent to ESU #11 districts regarding Special Education Final Financials. She has requested that districts have their information to us by September 24th so we can begin the process of reviewing financial information and completing the SPEDFRS report due by October 31st. ESU #11 has been awarded a grant from NDE to support districts in developing a comprehensive school-based mental health program for the district. Ariel Neumeyer and Lona will attend the training, and then in the summer, they will host a three-day training for at least two of our districts. The following year they will work to recruit other districts to participate in the training. On September 1st, the Central Nebraska Transition group hosted a Transition Focused IEP Training at ESU #11. We hosted the majority of the attendees in person as well as some virtual. Last, Lona completed her presidency for NASES at the end of August, and she thanked the board for supporting her in that opportunity.

Dr. Barnes, Unit Administrator, updated the Board of the various ongoing maintenance and repair projects for the building and grounds. He also mentioned that the ESU #11 audit is scheduled for November 22nd. Dr. Barnes gave an update regarding the redrawing of legislative boundaries. He spoke with UNO and the goal is to have our boundaries in place by the end of 2021.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to enter Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss personnel. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

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

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to exit Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Board President Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary

**2021/2022 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION
FOR
Educational Service Unit #11, Phelps County**

WHEREAS, public was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the ESU 11's Tax Requests for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for the General Fund of Educational Service Unit #11 (hereinafter "ESU 11"); and,

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of ESU 11 at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by 1.15%; the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be \$.01483 per \$100 of assessed value; ESU 11 proposes to adopt a property tax requests that will cause its tax rate to be \$.01500 per \$100 of assessed value.

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of ESU 11 will be more than last year's by 1.2%.

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the ESU 11 General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$1,208,550.37

It is so moved by Craig Philips and seconded by Mary Oman this 13th day of September, 2021.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Board Member	YES	NO	ABSENT
Chris Erickson	<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>

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of ESU 11 that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

Mary K. Oman

Secretary