

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
November 15, 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 located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on November 15, 2021 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Mary Oman was absent.

Notification was made of the open meetings law. The open meeting laws were on display throughout the Board Meeting.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU 11 would be held on November 15, 2021 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of November 8, 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 Kim Scoville, seconded by Chris Erickson, to excuse the absence of Mary Oman. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; 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 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Board President, Richard Phillips, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from October 18, 2021 and the special board meeting from November 8, 2021. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from October 2021 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Linda Leising, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; 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 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the purchase of Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce Bucks for all staff. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; 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 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Director of Special Education, reported that the Planning Region Team (PRT 11) has been working on the activities and trainings outlined in the Corrective Action Plan from the areas that are out of compliance. Representation from each district is required at the trainings related to the Corrective Action Plan. PRT 11 is also working to ensure that providers who have attended the Routines Based Interview Bootcamp are completing annual fidelity checks. Next, Lona reported that the Nebraska Department of Education Office of Special Education will be initiating a 5-year strategic plan called *Journey to Inclusion*. As an ESU, we will work to partner with NDE and support this important initiative. Last, districts are completing their 2022-2023 IDEA Proportionate Share applications. This application identifies any non-public students receiving special education services so that IDEA Non-Public funds can be identified in the 2022-23 IDEA grant. Lona will assist the districts as needed.

Wade Gibson, Media Technology Coordinator, reported ESU 11's newly implemented activity logs process. He showed the Board a data studio dashboard and demonstrated how the data could be broken down by school district, date range, etc. Wade explained how this data is used internally and that it is also imported into the statewide SIMPL data system on a monthly basis.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that NDE now has a draft copy of the Principal Performance Standards. Information webinars are scheduled for the end of this month, and she hopes to learn more about the implementation timeline. Next, Kate reported that all schools that received Perkins funds must go through a reVISION reFRESH process, which provides an opportunity to review the original reVISION outcomes, reflect on any available new data and information relative to the original needs assessment, evaluate progress towards achieving identified goals by 2024, and determine if any modifications are needed to the consortium approved four-year Perkins application. Kate will be working with Superintendents on this process in December. In the next few weeks, Kate will also be helping multiple school districts align their current ELA curriculum with the new ELA state standards.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, returned from the National Association for the Gifted Conference in Denver; she attended multiple sessions over the four-day conference and is excited to implement the techniques she learned to help the students and staff of ESU 11 districts. Janelle reported that she continues to work with students in the districts, help with quiz bowls, and test individual students as needed. During the 2021-22 school year, the gifted department will be assisting with 40 quiz bowls. Janelle mentioned that November 18th is Give2Grow, which the Summer Honors Program has already received \$695 in online donations. The Summer Honors Advisory meeting was held on November 14th, and Janelle is looking forward to another exciting year.

Dr. Josie Schafer of UNO attended the meeting via Zoom to answer any questions the board may have regarding the new district boundaries. Dr. Schafer explained that the boundaries are moved in order for each district to be substantially equal in total population. Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the 2020 redistricting proposal from UNO. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard

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Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Dr. Barnes, Unit Administrator, informed the board that the Educators Health Alliance (EHA) health and dental rates would increase 5.84% for the 2022-2023 year. He reminded the board which districts are up for election in 2022 and filing can begin on January 5th with a deadline of July 15th for incumbents. Dr. Barnes gave an update on the building and grounds projects as well as spoke about the Teacher Shortage Symposium he attended in October. Last, Dr. Barnes updated the board on the Nebraska Department of Education.

Board President, Richard Phillips, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on December 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary