

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
December 6, 2021**

The Board of Educational Service Unit 11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU 11, held a special meeting at the Office Building in Holdrege, Nebraska on December 6, 2021 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelle Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman. Gary Smidt was absent.

Notification was made of the open meeting laws. The open meeting laws were on display throughout the Board Meeting. Public Notice that the special meeting of the Board of ESU 11 would be held on December 6, 2021, was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of November 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 Machelle Havenridge, seconded by Kim Scoville, to excuse the absence of Gary Smidt. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to accept the resignation of Speech Pathologist, Lesa Clifford, effective on May 18, 2022. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Visitors Robin Stevens and Cynthia Huff from the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) were present to lead the Board in reviewing applicant packets, recommendations, and selection of finalists to interview for the ESU 11 Administrator position.

Motion made by Mary Oman, seconded by Linda Leising, to select the following finalists: Chelsea Feusner, Stephen Grizzle, Todd Hilyard, Lona Nelson-Milks, John Poppert, and authorize the search consultants to contact designated alternates. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on December 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary