

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2022**

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 January 17, 2022 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, and Richard Phillips. Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman 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 January 17, 2022 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of January 3, 2022 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 Craig Philips, seconded by Chris Erickson, to excuse the absence of Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Board President, Richard Phillips, welcomed John Poppert to the board meeting. Mr. Poppert will begin as the ESU 11 Administrator on July 1.

The next item on the agenda called for the election of officers to serve a one-year term of office on the Board. The offices to be filled were President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Craig Philips, to keep the President, Vice President, and Secretary officers the same in 2022 as they were in 2021: Richard Phillips, President; Galen Kronhofman, Vice President; Mary Oman, Secretary. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Mary Oman, to appoint Amanda Helms as Board Treasurer from February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

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Board Members discussed and President Phillips agreed to keep the same members in the 2022 committees, with Nate Stineman as the Chair of the Policy Committee.

Board President, Richard Phillips, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from December 20, 2021. No questions were brought forward. Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from December 2021 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Craig Philips, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to designate KSB School Law as the ESU 11 legal counsel. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the designated banks and accounts as presented, and to authorize ESU 11 Administrator, Greg Barnes, and after July 1, 2022 John Poppert, and the ESU 11 Treasurer, Amanda Helms, as signers for all Non-General Fund accounts. Further, to have ESU 11 Board Chairperson Richard Phillips, Secretary Mary Oman, alternate board member Craig Philips, and Administrator Greg Barnes (alternate), and after July 1, 2022 John Poppert, as authorized signers for General Fund checks from Great Western Bank. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the Newspapers of Record as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Craig Philips, to accept the resignations of Maryka Weverka and Brittney Osterbuhr effective May 18, 2022. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Mary Oman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to offer Mary Ann Chrisman a school psychologist employment contract for the 2022-23 school year. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; and Richard Phillips, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

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Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported that Battle of the Books will take place on April 6, at the Service Unit. So far, she has received 339 completed projects for this activity from over one hundred students in ten of the thirteen ESU 11 districts. Kelly Yang and Lynne Kelly have been scheduled to connect with the students, and they are excited so many students are loving to read! Three ESU 11 Quiz Bowls are coming up in the next few months, with the elementary quiz bowl on January 19. Janelle is looking forward to the schools' quiz bowls, Invention Convention, and the daily visits to the districts. She also mentioned that Summer Honors nominations are due on January 28.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported to the Board that on January 19, the districts' business managers are invited to the ESU to network and discuss preparing for SPEDFRS as well as getting feedback on forms that have been created to assist in gathering information for SPEDFRS. Lona mentioned that the Corrective Action Plans for the three districts found to have areas out of compliance have been submitted to NDE to review. Once the CAP has been approved by NDE, training will begin. Last, Lona reported that April Overholser, ESU 11 SLP Coordinator, also provides MANDT Training to district staff. She will be attending recertification, which will allow her to continue to provide training to our districts.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that she has been in eight school districts helping with instructional models, MTSS, ELA curriculum alignment, and Continuous Improvement. She is hosting a dyslexia workshop and a CTE Collaboration Day workshop in conjunction with ESUs 9 and 10 coming up in the next two weeks. Kate has started teaching a grad class on Thursday evenings that focuses on the importance of positive relationships with students and the correlation between academic success and positive student/teacher relationships.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported that the E-Rate filing window opened last Wednesday, January 12. He has helped five districts create and post RFPs for internal fiber optic wiring and associated network equipment. Site walkthroughs are scheduled for Friday, February 4. The ESU 11 annual evaluation began on Monday, January 10, and is set to conclude on January 23. Wade also mentioned that ESUs 10 and 11 are having a combined Librarians meeting on February 16 in Kearney. They will be visiting and touring the Kearney Public Library as well as Northeast Elementary and Kearney High School libraries.

Jody Bauer, Technology/Curriculum Consultant, updated the board on the statewide digital citizenship symposium hosted by ESUs across the state. Almost two thousand certificates have been awarded to students and classrooms in grades K-12. Entries for the contest are being accepted through March 15, 2022. Students across the state have the option to create a poster or PSA that showcases how to be a CyberSmart citizen based on the content they have learned. Entries will be judged in March and winners will be announced in April. Jody will be providing an inservice with Loomis on January 28, sharing simple technology tools that help captivate learning by Tony Vincent. On February 4, she will facilitate a workshop for teachers on Tech Tools to Power Up Instruction.

Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on legislative bills and the ESU building and grounds. He mentioned that everything has been filed for the new board districts map. Dr. Josie Schafer of UNO has been in contact with our county representatives to answer their questions and provide additional information in the district descriptions. As for the March Board Meeting, Dr. Barnes would like to move the meeting up one week to Monday, March 14. Dr. Barnes reminded the board of the KSB Board Presentation on February 9, as well as which board districts are up for election and that the filing deadline for incumbents is on July 15.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on February 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary