

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 14, 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 March 14, 2022. Galen Kronhofman, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelle Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Mary Oman and Richard Phillips 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 March 14, 2022 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of February 28, 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 Kim Scoville, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, to excuse the absences of Mary Oman and Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the February 21, 2022 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve a teaching contract to Stephanie Dannehl, as the ESU 11 HAL Instructor for the 2022-23 school year. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported that she attended a meeting in Lincoln with Nebraska's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). They want to partner with ESU 11 and the Summer Honors Program to provide experts as well as donations because they believe in the program and what it strives to accomplish; Janelle is excited for the new partnership. She also reported that all classes were secured for Summer Honors and shared a description of the classes with the

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board members. The SHP draft will take place this week. Janelle mentioned that several registrations for Invention Convention has been received as well as completed activities for Battle of the Books. Janelle helped with the Senior Quiz Bowl in Alma and will be helping with the Middle School competition too.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that the Special Education Leadership Team is reading the book, *Developing Educationally Meaningful and Legally Sound IEPs*. They will use the book to help facilitate discussions at future ESU-Wide Special Education meetings. Lona has had follow-up conversations with some districts after the ESU-Wide SPED meeting last month to answer questions about the information shared by Jordan Johnson from KSB School Law. Next, Lona reported that two districts will be monitored in Part B (ages 3 to 21). ESU 11 will support those districts during the monitoring process. Planning Region Team 11 was found out of compliance during the NDE/DHHS follow-up monitoring review. PRT 11 will need to do additional training and submit the required information to State Co-leads. The team has an additional six months to complete the training.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that she is planning for next year's Carl Perkins grant. CTE teachers in the ESU 11 area have until March 31st to request funds for equipment. In April, she will send the requests to NDE to get initial approval. Equipment for CTE programs must meet industry standards. Once NDE has given initial approval, the ESU 11 Perkins Advisory Board will meet to discuss these requests and determine which ones can be approved. No requests have been denied as of date. Activities that will be incorporated into next year's plan will revolve around career development, local workforce alignment, programs of study, student performance, retention and training of CTE staff, and work-based learning. In preparation for closing the 2021-22 Perkins grant, Kate will write an annual grant narrative and submit that to NDE by May 1st.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported that next Tuesday, March 22nd, is the E-Rate filing deadline. Wade has completed ten Category 1 applications and six Category 2 applications for ESU 11 area schools. He also noted that ESU 11 area Technology Coordinators will meet on March 16th for a LAN Managers meeting.

Dr. Greg Barnes, Unit Administrator, gave a legislative update and reported that he and Lona are working on SPED staffing for 2022-23 and recommended to move the April Board Meeting to April 11th in order to meet the April 15th contract deadline. Next, Dr. Barnes reported that Great Western Bank is merging with First Interstate Bank and is closing the downtown Holdrege bank location. He has spoken to ESU 11's Business Manager, Mandy Helms, and believes this is a good time to explore options. Dr. Barnes plans to bring a bank proposal to the April board meeting.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Kim Scoville, to enter Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss personnel and personnel negotiations. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising,

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yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes.  
Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

The reason to enter Executive Session is to discuss personnel and personnel negotiations was restated.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Craig Philips, to exit Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, to approve the 3.3% package increase for classified staff for 2022-23 as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Craig Philips, seconded by Chris Erickson, to approve the 3.3% package increase for the Coordinators/Directors for 2022-23 as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelle Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary