

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 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 April 11, 2022 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, and Gary Smidt. Nate Stineman was 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 April 11, 2022 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of March 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 Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Gary Smidt, to excuse the absence of Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the March 14, 2022 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, 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; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, abstain; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 1 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the 2022-23 ESU 11 Calendar as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Dr. Barnes discussed banking options and went over the Bruning Bank proposal with the board members. Motion made by Chris Erickson, seconded by Craig Philips, to transition ESU 11 bank accounts from Great Western Bank to Bruning Bank. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

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Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Kim Scoville, 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 at Bruning Bank. Further, to have the 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 the General Fund accounts at Bruning Bank. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Linda Leising, to accept the resignations of mental health practitioner, Cari Sughroue; and speech pathologist, Jill Bauer. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Kim Scoville, to offer Autumn Rhodes a contract as Speech and Language Pathologist for the 2022-23 school year, pending an acceptable background check. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported on all the activities the Gifted Department has done in the past month. She hosted 140 inventors at the 31st Annual Invention Convention at the Nebraska Prairie Museum as well as the ESU 11 Senior High Quiz Bowl with Holdrege and Minden teams advancing to the State Competition in Hastings on April 30. She also helped with the Fort Kearney Conference Quiz Bowl in Loomis on March 28. The 7th Annual Battle of the Books had a great turn out with 109 students attending. Janelle continues to visit the schools with enrichment activities so it was a busy month. The Summer Honors draft was held on March 16, and letters were mailed to all students who applied, with 120 students being accepted into the program.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported that the LAN Managers meeting was held on March 16. Nearly all districts were in attendance, and the group had a full day of various topics up for discussion. Wade also mentioned that 16 separate E-Rate applications were certified prior to the March 22 deadline. Kate Hatch and Wade Gibson hosted a Continuous Improvement Profile Workday for schools on March 25. He and a few other ESU staff members also attended the area career fair in Holdrege on March 30. Wade mentioned that they have recently been working with two school districts that had issues with their gymnasium/auditorium sound system wireless management components. They have found a way to integrate these devices into the school's regular data network to resolve the issue. Lastly, Wade reported that he and Alex Wyatt will be co-presenting at the NETA (Nebraska Educational Technology Association) annual conference in Omaha on April 21.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that the Maintenance of Effort Compliance Standard Report is open on the NDE Portal. She has been helping Superintendents complete and submit this report. ESU 11 districts are to submit their Targeted Improvement Plan

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by May 1. The TIP has a focused area of improvement based on performance data for students with disabilities. Within the TIP, the district has identified an evidence-based practice to support improving outcomes, an implementation plan, and criteria for measuring the fidelity of the implementation. Next, Lona reported that the Corrective Action Plan Training for the districts found out of compliance during monitoring in the past year will be completed by next week. The Central Region Transition cadre hosted a successful training at the ESU on April 1. They had 36 people attend in person and others attended via Zoom.

Dr. Barnes, Unit Administrator, gave a brief legislative update as well as reported on the building and grounds. Motion made by Linda Leising, seconded by Machel Havenridge, to approve scoping the sewer lines for possible leaks. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Dr. Barnes reported about the Teacher Shortage/Praxis Task Force Committee he is serving on and their hope to eliminate the Praxis I Core Exam and to keep more students in the educational field. Last week, Dr. Barnes had ESUCC Meetings in Omaha where they spent time reviewing their Statewide Action Plans and Goals. Dr. Barnes also mentioned that the last Superintendent Advisory Meeting is set for April 27.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary