

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MAY 16, 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 May 16, 2022 with the following members present: Chris Erickson, Machelles Havenridge, Linda Leising, Mary Oman, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Galen Kronhofman 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 May 16, 2022 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU #11 during the week of May 2, 2022 and broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN. 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 Linda Leising, to excuse the absence of Galen Kronhofman. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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, acknowledged visitor, John Poppert. Mr. Poppert will begin as the ESU #11 Administrator on July 1st.

Dr. Barnes reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the April 11, 2022 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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 Linda Leising, seconded by Chris Erickson, to approve the ESUCC Master Service Agreement for 2022-23. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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 Craig Philips, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the ESU #11 Advisory Committee's recommended Program of Exploratory & Basic Services for 2022-23. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes;

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Mary Oman, 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 Nate Stineman, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the contract with ESU 9 for School Psych Services for 2022-23 as presented. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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 Kim Scoville, seconded by Craig Philips, to approve the nursing contract with Janet Gabriel for 2022-23. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported on the opportunity for the ESU #11 schools to participate in group buys for different online programs at significantly reduced prices. Schools indicate products they are interested in and Jody Bauer works with each company to negotiate pricing. This benefits ESU #11 rural schools that can't afford individual pricing and also helps with the companies that require a minimum number of users. The ESU #11 group purchase allows schools to combine with one another so the cost can be split. Currently, there are seven online programs that offer discounts to ESU #11, with a total overall cost savings of \$23,302. Next, Kate reported that she and Jody have attended ESU state meetings where information was shared regarding the importance of educators utilizing high quality instructional materials in order to accelerate student learning. Research shows that of the 180 hours in each core subject spent during the school year, 133 hours were spent on assignments that were not grade level appropriate. Kate and Jody will be addressing this topic during next year's PLC meetings.

Lona Nelson-Milks, Special Education Director, reported that SPED staff assignments have been determined and shared with the districts for next year. She mentioned that the ESU will be hosting a two-day School-based Mental Health Institute on May 23rd and 24th. Franklin and Eustis-Farnam are the two school districts that agreed to be a part of our pilot year. April Overholser will assist with supporting districts in developing a school-based mental health process. The Central Region Transition grant application has been submitted to NDE, as well as the Promoting Engagement and Knowledge (PEaK) Project application. Lona will wait to hear if any changes need to be made with either application. Last, Lona reported that she was selected to serve as the ESU Special Education Directors' group chair. This is a two-year term that starts in July.

Janelle Jack, Gifted Education Coordinator, reported that 113 students will be participating in the Summer Honors Program. The program will be held at the Holdrege Middle School this year due to HVAC work at the high school. The Creative Writing Class is planning a trip to Red Cloud to study Willa Cather. The Willa Cather Foundation sent 15 copies of *My Antonia* for the students. The Art class plans to travel to North Platte, Cozad and Minden; and the Agriculture class is studying livestock and will be utilizing NCTA in Curtis. Janelle has finished visiting the schools. Her last day was spent

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at Cambridge in their one-room school house involving activities with the sixth-grade class. Janelle thanked the Board for their nine years of support and praised them for continuing to support the gifted students in our service unit area.

Dr. Barnes, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on the building and grounds and reported that the new doors are in and Conference Room A will be repainted before new carpet is laid. Typically, in the summer the July board meeting is canceled; but after discussions, the board thought it may be helpful to skip the June meeting and have Mr. Poppert's first board meeting in July. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Linda Leising, to forgo the June 2022 ESU #11 Board Meeting and to authorize payment of the June 2022 claims. Vote as follows: Chris Erickson, yes; Machel Havenridge, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Mary Oman, 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. Next, Dr. Barnes touched base on staffing and the teacher shortage across the state. He mentioned that All Saints Catholic School will have a new Principal/Superintendent next year and that the new Legacy Christian School will open in August so he reviewed our practices with private schools. Last, Dr. Barnes reminded the Board of what districts were up for election in 2022 with the filing deadline for incumbents on July 15th and non-incumbents on August 1st.

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

Board President, Richard Phillips, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary