

MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2022

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU 11, held its regular meeting at the office building located at 412 West 14th Avenue in Holdrege, Nebraska on December 19, 2022 with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Linda Leising, Craig Philips, Richard Phillips, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Mary Oman and Kim Scoville were absent.

Notification was made of the open meetings law. The open meeting laws were on display throughout the Board Meeting.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU 11 would be held on December 19, 2022 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of December 5, 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 Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to excuse the absence of Mary Oman and Kim Scoville. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

No visitors present at the board meeting.

Board President, Richard Phillips, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from November 21, 2022. No questions were brought forward. Mr. Poppert, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from November 2022 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Linda Leising, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Linda Leising, yes; Craig Philips, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Wade Gibson, Media Technology Coordinator, reported on updates regarding the Nebraska Cybersecurity Network initiative. Wade also updated the Board on the firewall replacement project in the ESU 11 area which is moving forward.

Lona Nelson, Special Education Director, reported that ESU 11 will be hosting an ESU-Wide meeting for Speech Language Pathologists to discuss MTSS and articulation on January 13th. During this meeting the SLPs will also be looking at research related to when children should have certain sounds learned. The ESU will also have an intern in the Speech department and she will be working with Amber Kenney, who is contracted to Wilcox-Hildreth schools. Last, Lona reported that the districts have completed and

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submitted the following reports to NDE: Communication Plan for Parent Survey, Non-Public Proportionate Shares Worksheet, and 1% Participation on the Alternate Assessment. All reports were due in December.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that the AQuESTT Classification and Designation Federal Accountability data results are now public. Three hundred thirty-five schools were identified as Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) across the state. Five schools in our area have an ATSI designation. These schools have until 2026 to show growth in their identified subgroup. If significant growth is made prior to 2026, the designation will be removed. Schools with consistently under-performing student groups for three years will also be identified as CSI schools. Lona and Kate have begun working with districts to create improvement plans. Absenteeism is also notated on the AQuESTT report. Eleven schools in the ESU 11 area have an absenteeism percentage over 20%. Ten percent or more of a school's base membership is considered high/chronic. Four student absences can negatively impact NSCAS Growth performance. Earlier this year, a State Board ad hoc committee recommended that NDE have an external firm come in and audit NDE's process for reviewing and updating content area standards. That work, which is being conducted by the American Institutes for Research (A.I.R.), is underway with an expected completion date of April. So that NDE can fully incorporate A.I.R.'s recommendations for standards work, the start of the Science revision will be delayed. Kate reported that Legacy Christian school is interested in receiving HAL services from the ESU. Since this school does not receive HAL funds from the state and is not a member of the ESU 11 HAL Consortium, she and Mr. Poppert have created a pricing list for services that our HAL Instructor can provide. This information has been added to the ESU 11 Master Service Agreement and shared with the principal at Legacy Christian. Last, Kate mentioned that she and Wade Gibson held a Continuous Improvement Profile workday for districts in December. Three districts in our area are currently preparing for an External Visit this spring.

Mr. Poppert, Unit Administrator, updated the board on the building and grounds. He reported that ESU 11 is set up to start with NASB and ALICAP insurance on December 22nd. Mr. Poppert gave a brief legislative update and reminded the Board about the Hot Topics Meeting set for February 8th with KSB Law.

The next item on the agenda was the Administrator Evaluation. Mr. Phillips, Board President, handed out the evaluation results and asked the Board members for their input.

Board President, Richard Phillips, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on January 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary