

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

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 February 20, 2023. President Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Vickie Klein, Galen Kronhofman, Mary Oman, Richard Phillips, and Kim Scoville. Craig Philips, George Probasco, 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 February 20, 2023 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of February 6, 2023 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 Mary Oman, to excuse the absences of Craig Philips, George Probasco, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

No visitors were present.

Motion made by Vickie Klein, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to accept the resignation of Craig Philips, District 2 Board Member. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Kim Scoville, to appoint Denis Reese to fulfill the ESU 11 Board District 2 term through December 2024. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Vickie Klein, to accept the 2021-22 Audit Report from Romans, Wiemer & Associates as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Motion made by Mary Oman, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the certified contract for School Psychologist, Nicole Stewart, for the 2023-2024 school year. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary

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Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to adopt the ESU 11 Strategic Plan as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Mr. Poppert reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the January 16, 2023 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Vickie Klein, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 4 absent.

Gary Smidt arrived to the board meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Stephanie Dannehl, High Ability Learners Instructor, reported on the fundraising efforts for the Summer Honors Program. Between the SHP Alumni, Phelps County Give2Grow, and other various sponsorships over \$25,000 has been raised for the program. Stephanie expressed her thanks to all that have donated to the Summer Honors Program. Stephanie also shared a video showcasing the different robotics and coding activities she has taken to the districts for the HAL students to work with.

Lona Nelson, Special Education Director, reported that the ESU hosted a 504 training on February 3rd. Jordan Johnson from KSB Law provided training in the morning, and representatives from the Student Record System (SRS) provided support in the afternoon related to the new forms on the system for 504 plans. On February 24th, the ESU will host a zoom training regarding NDE's guidance document: *Supporting the Behavioral Needs of Children with Disabilities*. ESU 11 Master Service Agreements are being returned from the districts so Lona's next step is determining staff assignments. Lona reported that two districts are submitting a Corrective Action Plan for Disproportionate Representation areas of compliance. Last, Lona mentioned that she is seeking at least two additional districts to be a part of the Mental Health Institute.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that on-site workshops are winding down for the year. The Art teachers will have their Art Enrichment Day on February 21st. Kate has been traveling to various districts this month to help schools align ELA curriculum with the current state standards, facilitate a data retreat to support the Continuous Improvement Process, and help schools better understand how trauma and toxic stress impact a student's brain and learning. Kate noted that the grad class she has been teaching for the past 8 weeks also wraps up this week. Next month Kate will be providing extra support to Axtell and Loomis as they conduct their CIP External Visit. She and Jody Bauer are also preparing to present at the Nebraska Educational Technology Association Conference in Omaha in three weeks.

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Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported that the Librarians & Media Specialists meeting held on February 2nd was well attended. A handful of virtual presenters attended including Courtney Pentland with Lincoln North Star and AASL, Dorann Avey with NDE, and a representative from Overdrive. Wade reported that he completed the filing of E-Rate Category 1 applications on February 1st and is now focusing on the remaining Category 2 applications. He said the February 10th walkthroughs went well with two vendors attending at all six sites. Bids for those projects are due Friday, February 24th. Wade also gave a summary of the February 14th ESUCC Legislative Day in Lincoln that he and Mr. Poppert attended.

Mr. Poppert, Unit Administrator, summarized the recommendations from the ALICAP Safety Review and updated the board on a number of legislative bills relating to education and ESUs. Wade Gibson and Mr. Poppert represented ESU 11 at the ESU Legislative Day in Lincoln and thought it was very well attended by the Senators and a beneficial day to promote what ESUs offer. Last, Mr. Poppert discussed the KSB Board Member meeting held on February 8th and believes it was a well-received presentation.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Machel Havenridge, to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 6:01 p.m. Vote as follows: Machel Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Richard Phillips, Board President, restated the reason for Executive Session is to discuss personnel.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Vickie Klein, to exit Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. Vote as follows: Machel Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary