

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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 March 20, 2023. Richard Phillips, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Mary Oman, Richard Phillips, George Probasco, Denis Reese, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Vickie Klein 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 March 20, 2023 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of March 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 George Probasco, to excuse the absence of Vickie Klein. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

No visitors were present.

Mr. Poppert reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the February 20, 2023 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the 2023-2024 ESUCC Master Service Agreement as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by George Probasco, to approve the certified contract for Mila Bednar, Speech Language Pathologist, for the 2023-24 school year. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary

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Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve the certified contract for Josa Wilkinson, Special Education Teacher, for the 2023-24 school year. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by George Probasco, seconded by Denis Reese, to approve the 2023-24 ESU 11 Calendar as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Lona Nelson, Special Education Director, reported that the ESU will be hosting a Speech Pathologist meeting on March 21st. Currently, all but one district has an SLP registered for the training. She also noted that the 17th Annual Youth First Conference will be held on April 24th at The Archway Museum Event Space. Registration is open until April 5th. Tyler Dahlgren, Communication Manager for the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and Nebraska Public School Advantage, will attend the conference to write a story about the event. She is excited to have him attend. Lona reported that the Agency Fair will be held on March 28th at ESU 10 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This event will allow parents to interact with agencies that support students post-secondary. Last, Lona reported that the ESU-Wide Special Education meeting is scheduled for April 19th, and she will also be speaking at the UNK NexGen class in April.

Mr. John Poppert, Unit Administrator, gave a legislative update on LB 753, LB 48, and LB 811. He attended the NETA Conference in Omaha on March 15th and 16th with others from the ESU 11 Leadership Team, and he will be attending the NRCSA Conference in Kearney on March 23rd and 24th. Mr. Poppert reported that ESU 11 has partnered with ESUs 4, 5, 6, and 9 for a Cyber Security Group. Last, Mr. Poppert and Stephanie Dannehl, ESU 11 HAL Instructor, will be presenting at the Holdrege Rotary meeting on March 30th about the Summer Honors Program.

Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Kim Scoville, to enter Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss personnel and personnel negotiations. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

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

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Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by George Probasco, to exit Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by George Probasco, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the 3.75% two-year package increase and Terms and Conditions as edited for certified staff for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025; and to approve the 3.75% package increase for classified staff and for Coordinators/Directors and Administrator for the 2023-24 year as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary