

MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
June 19, 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 June 19, 2023 with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Vickie Klein, Galen Kronhofman, Mary Oman, Richard Phillips, George Probasco, and Gary Smidt. Denis Reese, Kim Scoville, 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 June 19, 2023 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of June 5, 2023 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 George Probasco, seconded by Gary Smidt, to excuse the absences of Denis Reese, Kim Scoville, and Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Denis Reese arrived to the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Poppert, ESU 11 Administrator, reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the May 15, 2023 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, 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; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Nate Stineman arrived to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motion made by Vickie Klein, seconded by Mary Oman, to approve all policy revisions as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the 2023-24 ESU #11 Staff Handbook as presented. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes;

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

Mr. Poppert discussed receiving three bids for a new ESU 11 vehicle. Janssen Chevrolet in Holdrege was the lowest bid. Motion made by Gary Smidt, seconded by Denis Reese, to accept the bid from Janssen Chevrolet for the Chevy Trailblazer. Vote as follows: Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by George Probasco, seconded by Vickie Klein, to approve the certified contract for Occupational Therapist, BreighAnne Lawrence, for the 2023-24 school year. Vote as follows: Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Denis Reese, to approve the classified contract for Custodian, George Joy, for the 2023-24 contract year. Vote as follows: Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Motion made by Denis Reese, seconded by Vickie Klein, to authorize payment of the July 2023 claims. Vote as follows: Mabelle Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that the first week of the Summer Honors Program (SHP) went smoothly. Several classes participated in field learning experiences this week. The Creative Writing Class visited Stuhr Museum in order to create writings that look at the past and relate it to today's world. The Medical Science Class went to Kearney Regional, Lexington Regional, Holdrege Family Dental, CHI, and Phelps Memorial Hospital for job shadowing and tours. Kate reported that ESU 11 has offered two graduate classes this summer: *Blended Learning – Station Rotation* and *From Worrier to Warrior*. The Blended Learning class had 7 participants while the *Worrier to Warrior* class had 14 participants. Last, Kate noted that one of the action plans for the ESU 11 continuous improvement process is marketing and promoting the services that ESU 11 provides. Some of the action steps to accomplish this include creating the #TurnitUptoESU11 slogan and use of social media, creating and distributing a quarterly newsletter to inform member schools of activities and resources that are provided by ESU 11, and participating in community outreach activities such as presenting at Rotary meetings and pulling a float in community parades.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported that progress on the new firewall installations is coming along well. Last week Wade and Alex Wyatt, Technology Consultant, installed eight new firewalls in the area and also reconfigured and updated

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firmware on four existing firewalls. Only two firewalls remain for installation: Minden is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20; and Holdrege is scheduled for June 26. As the new firewalls have been installed, it has also allowed Wade and Alex to enable eduroam at each site. eduroam (education roaming) is the secure, world-wide roaming wireless service that allows students and staff to roam and find connectivity at more than 2,500 locations in the US, and more than 33,000 worldwide.

Mr. Poppert, Unit Administrator, reported that he has started working on the budget and is waiting for county valuations. He plans to have a budget work session with the Board on August 28th. Mr. Poppert mentioned that two of the original AC units froze up last week. The technician has fixed the problem for now but recommends replacing the two units in the near future.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on August 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Richard Phillips, Board President, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary