

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

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 in Holdrege, Nebraska on October 16, 2023 with the following members present: Machelle Havenridge, Mary Oman, Denis Reese, George Probasco, Kim Scoville, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Vickie Klein, Galen Kronhofman, and Richard Phillips 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 October 16, 2023 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of October 2, 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 George Probasco, seconded by Gary Smidt, to excuse the absences of Vickie Klein, Galen Kronhofman, and Richard Phillips. Vote as follows: Machelle Havenridge, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Denis Reese, yes; George Probasco, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Visitor, Stacy Higgins, from the Nebraska Association of School Boards was present and spoke about the purpose of NASB and how they help train school boards as well as advocate for school boards with state and county officials. She listened and discussed the positives of ESU 11 as well as the challenges that ESUs are facing.

Board Secretary, Mary Oman, asked the board members if they had any questions on the minutes from the Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and regular Board Meeting held on September 18, 2023. No questions were brought forward. Mr. John Poppert, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from September 2023 and the General Fund Claims for Payment. Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Denis Reese, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote as follows: Machelle Havenridge, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Denis Reese, yes; George Probasco, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, to appoint John Poppert as the state and federal programs administrator for ESU 11. Vote as follows: Machelle Havenridge, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Denis Reese, yes; George Probasco, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

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Motion made by George Probasco, seconded by Gary Smidt, to approve the resolution to authorize the ESU to invest in Nebraska Class with the prior approval of the ESU Board. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Denis Reese, yes; George Probasco, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Mr. Poppert reviewed board policies 3000-3030 and asked if the board members had any questions on each policy. No questions were brought forward. Motion made by Kim Scoville, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to approve the review of board policies 3000-3030. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Denis Reese, yes; George Probasco, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that the ESU 11 Fall Conference was a huge success. Approximately 600 PK-12 teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals were in attendance. The feedback on the keynote speaker and breakout sessions was very positive. Kate's grad class, Generation Alpha, will finish up this week. Participants have spent the last eight weeks studying how different this generation is compared to previous generations. Generation Alpha refers to those born between 2012-2025. It is predicted in 2025 they will number more than 2 billion, which will be the largest generation in the history of the world. In the class many topics were discussed such as: technology, workforce, alpha consumers, future homes, households, and rent-vesting.

Mr. Poppert, Unit Administrator, reported on the three recommendations from the safety audit that was conducted at the ESU office. Mr. Poppert also mentioned his conversations with Bruning Bank and Nebraska Class. At this time, the ESU will not be investing with Nebraska Class. Last, Mr. Poppert is planning to host the Hot Topics meeting with KSB Law on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Superintendents and their school boards will be invited to attend.

Board Secretary, Mary Oman, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on November 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary



### Resolution 1008

WHEREAS, NEB. Const. art. XV, § 18(1) authorizes local government entities to exercise their powers and functions, including financing, jointly or in cooperation with other governmental entities and Nebraska law expressly allows public agencies to invest surplus or excess funds;

WHEREAS, NEB. REV. STAT. § 13-804 authorizes public agencies to enter into interlocal agreements in order for such agencies to take joint or cooperative action;

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Trust ("Nebraska CLASS Trust") has been formed pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 13-801 to 13-827;

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Trust and Interlocal Agreement and an Information Statement relating to the Nebraska CLASS Trust have been presented to this Governing Body;

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Trust authorizes public agencies to adopt and enter into the Declaration of Trust and become Participants of such trust;

WHEREAS, this Governing Body deems it advisable for this Public Agency to adopt and enter into the Declaration of Trust and become a participant of the Nebraska CLASS Trust for the purpose of the joint investment of this Public Agency's money with those other public agencies so as to enhance the investment earnings accruing to each such public agency,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. This Public Agency shall and does hereby join with other Nebraska public agencies in accordance with the provisions of Nebraska law and in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperative Act, as applicable, by becoming a Participant of the Nebraska CLASS Trust, and the Declaration of Trust and Interlocal Agreement, as amended from time to time, is hereby adopted by this reference with the same effect as if it had been set out verbatim in this Resolution. A copy of the Declaration of Trust is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference and shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted.
2. The Trustees of the Nebraska CLASS Trust are hereby designated as having official custody of this Public Agency's monies which are invested in accordance with the Declaration of Trust.
3. Authorization is hereby given for members of this Governing Body and officials of this Public Agency to serve as Trustees of the Nebraska CLASS Trust from time to time if elected as such pursuant to the Declaration of Trust.
4. The Key Contact and Authorized Signatories are those persons listed on the Trust Registration Form attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Authorized Signatories



are authorized by the Participant to direct the investment of such Participants' investment funds and to take all such actions deemed necessary or desirable to carry out the activities otherwise authorized by this Resolution, subject to the Authorized Signatories' obligation to take such actions only in the name of and for the benefit of this Participant.

5. The Key Contact and Authorized Signatories may be changed from time to time by written notice to Nebraska CLASS.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution being the same are hereby rescinded.

Passed and adopted this 16 day of October, 2023 by the Educational Service Unit 11.

Richard C. Phillips, Board President  
[NAME], [TITLE]

Attest:

Mary K. Oman, Secretary  
[NAME], [TITLE]