

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
MAY 20, 2024**

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 May 20, 2024 with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Galen Kronhofman, Mary Oman, Richard Phillips, George Probasco, Denis Reese, and Kim Scoville. Vickie Klein, 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 May 20, 2024 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU 11 during the week of May 6, 2024 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 Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Kim Scoville, to excuse the absence of Vickie Klein, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

No visitors were present.

Mr. Poppert reviewed the consent agenda items, including the minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting and the financial reports and claims. Motion made by George Probasco, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, 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; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Mary Oman, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the certified contract for Emily Ripp, Speech Language Pathologist, for the 2024-2025 school year. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Motion made by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by George Probasco, to approve the ESU #11 Advisory Committee's recommended Program of Exploratory & Basic Services for 2024-25. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

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Motion made by Denis Reese, seconded by Kim Scoville, to approve the ESUCC Master Service Agreement as presented. Vote as follows: Machel Havenridge, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; Richard Phillips, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; and Kim Scoville, yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no, 3 absent.

Kate Hatch, Staff Development Director, reported that ESU 11 will be offering two graduate classes in June. Jody Bauer's Blended Learning class will occur the first week of June, and Karmen Scharff-Sear's From Worrier to Warrior class will be held the second week. Stephanie Dannehl, HAL Instructor, and Destinee Steinke are ready for Summer Honors. Ninety-seven students will participate this year. Due to low numbers in Drama applications, the difficult decision was made to not offer the Drama class. A survey was distributed to the 29 students who were nominated for the class. Thirteen surveys were completed and the majority of those responses indicated that they did not have enough time this summer or had other obligations during SHP dates. Next, Kate has written the 2024-2025 Carl Perkins grant and is ready to submit as soon as NDE has the site up and running. The grant is officially due on Wednesday. She will apply for the 2023-2024 Perkins reimbursement dollars as soon as all of the funds have been spent at the conclusion of the NCE Conference in June.

Lona Nelson, Special Education Director, reported that districts will host their Non-Public Consultation Meetings in May and June. This consultation meeting is a required component of the IDEA grant application process. NDE will open IDEA grant applications in the Grant Management System the first part of June. Districts are offered support, and are encouraged to identify birth to 5 expenses in their IDEA applications because these expenses are not reimbursable in SPEDFRS (state reimbursement). Lona reported that districts are working to gather information for a new data collection report, Information Related to Learning Disabilities, Including Dyslexia, which is due June 15th. Districts will also start reviewing their MOE Tracking Tool to determine if or how much of their IDEA dollars can be submitted expenses for reimbursement.

Wade Gibson, Media/Technology Coordinator, reported that equipment for the E-Rate Category 2 projects has been ordered, and some components were even delivered in districts today. He noted that many of the LAN Managers would be in the ESU on Wednesday, May 22, for a Mosyle workday. Wade also mentioned that meetings have started with service providers regarding summer circuit upgrades.

Mr. Poppert, Unit Administrator, updated the Board on the building and grounds and reported that we will forego the July ESU 11 board meeting as discussed. The ESU building will have ongoing exterior renovations due to the recent storm: roof, stucco, windows, facia and sash of doors and windows as well as repairs to the unit vehicles. He is awaiting paperwork from ALICAP as well as bids from contractors. Mr. Poppert reported that the Phelps County Community Foundation informed us that they will not do the Give2Grow program for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. If they forego Give2Grow this year, that will result in a financial deficit toward the ESU 11 Summer Honors Program. He is hopeful the foundation will reconsider and continue the Give2Grow program.

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The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on June 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Board President, Richard Phillips, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary