

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

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 September 16, 2024 with the following members present: Machelles Havenridge, Vickie Klein, Galen Kronhofman, Mary Oman, George Probasco, Denis Reese, Gary Smidt, and Nate Stineman. Richard Phillips and Kim Scoville were absent.

Vice President Kronhofman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and notification was made of the open meeting law.

Motion made by Vickie Klein, seconded by Machelles Havenridge, to excuse the absences of Richard Phillips and Kim Scoville. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Public Notice that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of ESU #11 would be held on September 16, 2024 was published in newspapers of general circulation in the counties making up ESU #11 during the week of September 2, 2024 and was broadcast over radio stations KUVR and KRVN on September 4, 2024. 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.

Board Vice President, Galen Kronhofman, opened the floor for public comment. No visitors were present for comment.

Board Vice President, Galen Kronhofman, asked the board members if they had any questions on the regular board meeting minutes from August 19, 2024 or the special board meeting minutes from August 26, 2024. No questions were brought forward. Mr. Poppert, Unit Administrator, reviewed the General Fund Financial Report from August 2024 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: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by George Probasco, seconded by Vickie Klein, to approve the 2024-2025 ESU #11 Budget as advertised. Vote as follows: Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Denis Reese, seconded by George Probasco, to approve the 2024-2025 property tax request resolution as presented. Vote as follows: Machelle Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Motion made by Nate Stineman, seconded by Machelle Havenridge, to approve the ESU #11 Mission Statement as presented. Vote as follows: Machelle Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Galen Kronhofman, yes; Mary Oman, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Gary Smidt, yes; and Nate Stineman, yes. Motion carried 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent.

Lona Nelson, Special Education Director, reported that the SPED department is working on Special Education Final Financials. The ESU completes ten of our thirteen districts' SPEDFRS, which are due by midnight on October 31, 2024. Lona will also work on the ESU's Final Financial Report, which NDE uses to determine our approved agency rates for the 2024-25 school year. On September 16, ESU 11 hosted an ESSA Grant Workday. Three superintendents attended to receive support from NDE on their grant application. Lona reported that most of the districts received a Corrective Action Plan for Indicator 13 (Postsecondary Transition Planning) last year. NDE recently provided districts with either a Closeout Letter for completing all required actions and reviewed files showing corrections to areas of compliance; or a Letter of Finding, which requires additional action steps. ESU 11 will host an Indicator 13 Workday for three districts to work through the additional required action steps. Lona mentioned that three districts will be monitored this year. In two of the districts, ESU 11 serves as the Director of Special Education; therefore, Lona will help support them with the Monitoring process. Federal regulations require that a district be monitored by the NDE Office of Special Education at least once every five years. Last, Lona reported that she will present at the NSLHA Fall Convention on September 19.

Mr. John Poppert, Unit Administrator, reported that the ESU 11 audit is scheduled for November 21. He shared that the State School Board Conference is coming up in November and invited the board members to attend. Mr. Poppert briefly spoke about the building and grounds. The shingles were replaced the week of September 9, gutters will be replaced this week, and we're still waiting on windows and stucco.

The next meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit #11 will be held on October 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Vice President, Galen Kronhofman, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Oman, Board Secretary

**2024/2025 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION
FOR
Educational Service Unit #11, Phelps County**

WHEREAS, public was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the ESU 11's Tax Requests for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the General Fund of Educational Service Unit #11 (hereinafter "ESU 11"); and,

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of ESU 11 at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by 12.71%; the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be \$.013239 per \$100 of assessed value; ESU 11 proposes to adopt a property tax requests that will cause its tax rate to be \$.013253 per \$100 of assessed value.

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of ESU 11 will be more than last year's by 2%.

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the ESU 11 General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$1,363,500.00.

It is so moved by Denis Reese and seconded by George Probasco this 16th day of September, 2024.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Board Member	YES	NO	ABSENT
Machelle Havenridge	<u>X</u>	___	___
Vickie Klein	<u>X</u>	___	___
Galen Kronhofman	<u>X</u>	___	___
Mary Oman	<u>X</u>	___	___
Denis Reese	<u>X</u>	___	___
Richard Phillips	___	___	<u>X</u>
George Probasco	<u>X</u>	___	___
Kim Scoville	___	___	<u>X</u>
Gary Smidt	<u>X</u>	___	___
Nate Stineman	<u>X</u>	___	___

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of ESU 11 that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

Secretary