

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, held a Public Budget Hearing at the Unit Office on September 15, 2025 with the following members present when the hearing convened: Caroline Erickson, Deanne Favinger, Machelles Havenridge, Vickie Klein, Anita Krejdl, George Probasco, Denis Reese, Kim Scoville, and Gary Smidt. Galen Kronhofman was absent.

Board Vice President, George Probasco, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that this is an open public meeting.

Motion made by Machelles Havenridge, seconded by Deanne Favinger, to excuse the absence of Galen Kronhofman. Vote as follows: Caroline Erickson, yes; Deanne Favinger, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Anita Krejdl, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Public Notice that the Board of ESU #11 would hold a Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2025 was published in the following newspapers of general circulation in the ESU #11 service area during the week of September 1, 2025: Franklin County Chronicle, Harlan County Journal, Holdrege Citizen, Minden Courier, and Valley Voice. The Public Notice included a statement of the purpose of the Public Hearing and a summary of the proposed budgetary requirements for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Board Vice President, George Probasco, stated that the Public Budget Hearing was being held for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relative to the proposed General Fund and to consider amendments relative thereto. Mr. Poppert provided a brief presentation comparing the 2024-25 budget to the proposed 2025-26 budget.

After stating the purpose of the hearing and the presentation, Board Vice President Probasco asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Board regarding the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. No guests were present; thus, Vice President Probasco declared the budget hearing adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Klein, Board Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE ESU #11 PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE SYSTEM
WIDE TAX REQUEST AND PROPERTY TAX RATE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**

The Board of Educational Service Unit #11 of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as ESU #11, held a Public Hearing Regarding Setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate at the Unit Office on September 15, 2025 with the following members present when the meeting convened: Caroline Erickson, Deanne Favinger, Machelles Havenridge, Vickie Klein, Anita Krejdl, George Probasco, Denis Reese, Kim Scoville, and Gary Smidt. Galen Kronhofman was absent.

Board Vice President, George Probasco, opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and announced that this is an open public meeting.

Motion made by Vickie Klein, seconded by Kim Scoville, to excuse the absence of Galen Kronhofman. Vote as follows: Caroline Erickson, yes; Deanne Favinger, yes; Machelles Havenridge, yes; Vickie Klein, yes; Anita Krejdl, yes; George Probasco, yes; Denis Reese, yes; Kim Scoville, yes; and Gary Smidt, yes. Motion carried 9 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Public Notice that the Board of ESU #11 would hold a Public Hearing regarding setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate on September 15, 2025 was published in the following newspapers of general circulation in the ESU #11 service area during the week of September 1, 2025: Franklin County Chronicle, Harlan County Journal, Holdrege Citizen, Minden Courier, and Valley Voice. The Public Notice included a statement of the purpose of the Public Hearing regarding setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Board Vice President Probasco stated that the Public Hearing Regarding Setting the System Wide Tax Request and Tax Rate was being held to receive testimony pertaining to the purpose for which the Public Hearing was being held. Mr. Poppert stated that the property tax request will remain at \$1,363,500.00 bringing the tax rate down to .011854.

After stating the purpose of the hearing, Board Vice President Probasco asked if anyone wanted to speak to the Board regarding the tax request and tax rate proposed by the Board of ESU #11. No patrons were present; thus, Board Vice President Probasco declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Klein, Board Secretary