

Educational Services Unit #5

Board Minutes

April 12, 2021

The Board of Educational Service Unit 5 met on Monday, April 12, 2021 at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Roger Smidt, Lorna McMurray, Darlene Pierce, Jeannine Murphy, ESU 5 Administrator Brenda McNiff, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board members Vic Jacobson and Duane Smith, and Board Treasurer Jan Reimer were absent.

Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She acknowledged that this was an opening meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and notice of such was published in the Beatrice Daily Sun and Hebron Journal Register the week of March 31, 2021.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the minutes of the March, 2021 meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed on 5-0 roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the April 2021 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$477,642.38; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business

New Business

Darlene Pierce moved to accept a letter of resignation from Special Education Administrative Assistant Tina Holtmeier. After 15 years with the ESU, Tina will be assisting her husband on the farm. She will assist in a smooth transition at ESU 5 and the training of a new staff person. Motion seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to regrettably accept a letter of resignation from Lorna McMurray for her position on the ESU 5 Board. After serving 12 years on the ESU 5 Board, May 2021 will be Lorna's last meeting. Motion seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote with Lorna McMurray abstaining.

Lorna McMurray moved to approve a 195 day contract for MaryAnn Johnson to teach Spanish for the 2021-22 school year, beginning in August 2021; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff informed the ESU 5 board of the progress of the discussion of ESUCC becoming the fiscal agent for the Nebraska PowerSchool Cooperative instead of ESU 5. No board action is required at this time.

Administrator McNiff informed the ESU 5 board that the second COVID vaccine will be given to ESU staff by Public Health Solutions on Friday, April 16.

Administrator McNiff relayed to the ESU 5 board some of the content of proposed Legislative bills LB529 and LB364, scheduled for hearings at the Nebraska , as they would affect education and ESU's. She also discussed the new Health Standards proposed by the Nebraska State Board of Education. No board action required.

Public Comment

No one was in attendance to provide public comment on any items.

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5, Beatrice, NE.

With no further business, Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:05 p.m.



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