Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Vic Jacobson, Duane Smith, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Roger Smidt; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Freking. Deb Meyer and Jeannine Murphy were absent.

President Vic Jacobson called the meeting to order. He acknowledged that this was an open 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 August 1, 2019.

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

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the minutes of the June 2019 meeting; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

As the board did not meet in July, Roger Smidt moved to approve the July 2019 Treasurer’s Report and ratify payment of bills in the amount of $376,891.18; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for August 2019 and authorize payment of bills in the amount of $400,373.82; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

Administrator McNiff reported that the Alternative Education Program – West Division has completed the move to its new location at the Southeast Community College Learning Center in Hebron. No board action required.

New Business:

The first reading of the job description for a School Based Mental Health Professional was presented. No board action required at this time.

Roger Smidt moved to approve Nick Ziegler and Kelly Garcia attending the ACTFL Annual Convention and World Language Expo in Washington, D.C. on November 22-24, 2019; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to declare the 2006 Lucerne, 2008 Impala, and 2013 Avenger vehicles surplus property and utilize them as trade-ins on new vehicles; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Board members are encouraged to let Jan Reimer know of their intentions to attend the 2019 AESA Conference in Phoenix, Arizona December 4-7, 2019.
Administrator McNiff presented an overview on the status of the 2019 – 2020 budget development.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff informed the board that ESUS’s ECKO (Exposing Kids to Career Opportunities) Project will be working in cooperation with Reinke Manufacturing of Deshler who has received a Nebraska Developing Youth Talent Initiative Grant. The ECKO Project introduces students to local careers in manufacturing, information technology (IT), and math or science related fields.

Administrator McNiff also informed the board of recent ESU 5 staff honors.

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

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 5 in Beatrice.

With no further business, Board Chair Jacobson declared the meeting closed and adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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