Board Minutes

The Board of Educational Service Unit #5 met on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Vic Jacobson, Jeannine Murphy, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Duane Smith and Deb Meyer were absent.

Vice Chair 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 29, 2018.

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

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the minutes of the August 2018 meeting; seconded by Vic Jacobson. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for September 2018 and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of $568,327.03; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the 2018-19 Budget in the amount of $9,379,127, seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to set the Final Tax Request at $1,152,145.38, seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to set the levy at 0.015 per $100.00 valuation, seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to approve out of state travel for Matt McNiff and Administrator Brenda McNiff to the MSLBD Conference in Kansas City on October 4-5, 2018 to be presenters. Their registration, lodging and meals will be paid by the conference. Motion seconded by Darlene Pierce and passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve Jan Reimer, Matt McNiff and Brenda McNiff to attend the AESA Conference November 28-December 1, 2018 in Colorado Springs, CO; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator McNiff informed the Board that Dana F. Cole will be performing the annual audit for ESU 5 November 12-14, 2018. No board action required at this time.
Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff informed the board that a SecondNet Grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services has been awarded to ESU 5. This grant will provide internet services for emergency services in the event of a disaster.

Administrator McNiff shared that Dr. Matt McNiff, Director of Special Education at ESU 5, had a research article accepted for publication in the Journal of Positive Interventions.

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

The next board meeting will be October 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5.

With no further business, Vice Chair Vic Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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