

## **Educational Services Unit No. 5**

### **Board Minutes**

**December 13, 2021**

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, December 13, 2021, at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Darlene Pierce, Jeannine Murphy, Betty Meyer, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Vicki Hinz-Ensz and Duane Smith were absent.

In the absence of Board Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Vice Chair Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 December 2, 2021.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2021 and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$469,031.06; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Roger Smidt moved to approve the proposed ESU 5 district boundaries as presented by the Center for Public Affairs Research at University of Nebraska Omaha. Motion seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the purchase of a backup SAN at a cost of approximately \$30,000. It is hosted at UNL and will replace the current backup SAN which has reached the end of its expected life. Motion seconded by Darlene Pierce and passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

### **Administrator Updates**

Administrator McNiff informed the Board of matters pertaining to education that will be on the agenda of the Nebraska Legislature when they reconvene in January.

She also informed the board on the progress of the Southeast Nebraska Education Agency. She will be secretary of the newly formed board.

She has been asked to be on the Tri County Community Committee to assist in the Superintendent search for Tri County Schools.

**Public Comment**

No one was in attendance to offer public comment.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Betty Meyer. The motion passed by consensus. Vice Chair Smidt adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.



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