

Educational Services Unit #5

Board Minutes

December 10, 2018

The Board of Educational Service Unit #5 met on Monday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Duane Smith, Vic Jacobson, Roger Smidt, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Jeannine Murphy, Administrator Brenda McNiff, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Absent were Deb Meyer and Jan Reimer.

Chair Duane Smith called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 November 29, 2018.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Vic Jacobson moved to approve the minutes of the 2018 November meeting; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2018 and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$384,000.36; seconded by Vic Jacobson. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business: None.

New Business

Vic Jacobson moved to accept the resignation of Candace Grantham, ESU 5 Speech Pathologist at Thayer Central Schools, due to a move to Kentucky; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve a 98 day contract (January – May 2019) for Mona Bessler, retired Fairbury Speech Pathologist, for \$34,638 plus benefits of \$1,050 per month, to fill the vacancy of Candace Grantham; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Vic Jacobson moved to approve out-of-state travel for Jen McNally to present at the *Creating Trauma Sensitive Schools National Conference* in Washington, D.C., February 17-19, 2019; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Update

Administrator McNiff informed the board that Nebraska Senators elect Myron Dorn and Tom Brandt will be at ESU 5 on Friday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. to visit with ESU 5 staff. Board members are invited to attend the hour long discussion.

Administrator McNiff informed the board that a Continuous Improvement Process staff meeting will be held Monday, Dec 17.

Duane Smith, Vic Jacobson, Roger Smidt, and Administrator McNiff reported on their attendance at the AESA Conference in November.

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

The next board meeting will be January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5.

With no further business, Duane Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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