

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

February 13, 2023

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Betty Meyer, Tim McAllister; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Carla Loemker arrived at 5:50 p.m. Vicki Hinz-Ensz was absent.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. He acknowledged 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 February 2, 2023.

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

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the January 2023 meeting; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the February 2023 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$513,625.47; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business

The Administrator's Contract will be discussed later in the meeting.

New Business

Administrator McNiff informed the Board that she continues to monitor the compensation package negotiations at district schools and throughout Nebraska. She will email a recommendation for the 2023-2024 ESU 5 Employee Compensation package to board members prior to the March 2023 board meeting. No board action required at this time.

Roger Smidt moved to approve out-of-state travel for Barb Gross, Behavior Consultant, to attend the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders (MSLBD) in Kansas City, MO, February 22-25, 2023; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Betty Meyer moved to approve out-of-state travel for Annette Weise to attend the Council of Chief State School Officers 2023 National Conference on Student Assessment June 26-28, 2023 in New Orleans; seconded by Carla Loemker. Annette's submitted and accepted proposal is titled "*SIPS Assessments Project: A Partnership to Create Innovative and Equitable Assessments that Generate Meaningful Results*". Her expenses will be paid by the CCSSO National Conference. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator McNiff informed the board of the upcoming External Accreditation Visitation Team visit March 28-29. They will interview stakeholder groups on Tuesday, March 28. The scheduled time for the interview with Board officers is 11:15 a.m. All Board members are welcome to attend. No board action required at this time.

Roger Smidt moved to declare the submitted list of equipment as surplus and dispose of it properly; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff distributed information to board members on Legislative bills in committee pertaining to education.

Administrator McNiff updated the board on recent incidents at Thayer Central Schools.

New Business revisited

Roger Smidt moved that the Board go into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss the Administrator Contract; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved the board come out of Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. Approval of the Administrator Contract will be on the March agenda.

Public Comment

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


Adjournment

With no further business, President Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed by consensus and the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. at which time a Board Appreciation Dinner was held.

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5.



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