

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

February 14, 2022

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Jeannine Murphy, Darlene Pierce, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Betty Meyer was absent. Duane Smith arrived at 5:38 p.m.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 January 31, 2022.

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

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the minutes of the January 2022 meeting; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the February 2022 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$523,512.70; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business

New Business

Vicki Hinz-Ensz moved to approve out of state travel for Matt McNiff, Regina Oliver, Barb Gross, Courtney Schendt, and Shelby Glaser to attend the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders (MSLBD) in Kansas City February 17-19, 2022; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote. Matt, Regina, and Barb will be presenters at the Symposium.

Roger Smidt moved to approve a 4% increase in pay for 2022-2023 certified professional staff earning less than \$95,000 per year and a 3% increase for those earning more than \$95,000 per year. Health insurance allowance will increase from \$1,600 to \$1,780 for full family coverage, and employee, employee/spouse, and employee/children will increase from \$1,300 to \$1,325; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff reported that she had testified on behalf of Nebraska ESUs at a legislative hearing on LB1146 on February 11, 2022 and will be testifying on LB1143 in the near future.

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 Jeannine Murphy. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



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Brenda McNiff, Administrator
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