

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

January 11, 2021

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, January 11, 2020 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, Vicki Hinz-Ensz; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Jeannine Murphy was absent.

President 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 December 28, 2020.

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

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the November 2020 meeting; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to ratify the December 2020 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$449,296.11; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. These bills were authorized for payment by a mail ballot in December, 2020.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the January 2021 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount to \$499,290.19; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

President Vic Jacobson began the process of reorganization of the ESU 5 Board of Director's officer positions. President Jacobson opened nominations. Duane Smith nominated Vicki Hinz-Ensz for the position of Board President. Roger Smidt moved nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast for Vicki Hinz-Ensz to serve as Board President; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote, with Vicki Hinz-Ensz abstaining.

Vic Jacobson nominated Roger Smidt for the position of Vice President and moved nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast for Roger Smidt to serve as Vice President; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt nominated Duane Smith to serve as Board Secretary. Vic Jacobson moved nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast for Duane Smith to serve as Board Secretary; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

President Hinz-Ensz appointed Jan Reimer as ESU 5 Board Treasurer and Victoria Frerking as ESU 5 Recording Secretary. No vote was necessary.

Lorna McMurray moved to retain Security First Bank of Beatrice as the repository and the general fund account bank of ESU 5; seconded by Vic Jacobson. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to retain Perry Law Firm as legal counsel for ESU 5; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

New Business:

Duane Smith moved to approve a 135 day contract in the amount of \$43,740 for Cami Hallowell to serve as Occupational Therapist at ESU 5 beginning November 30, 2020 through August 31, 2021; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

The ESU 5 Board of Directors Executive Committee will meet to discuss and make recommendations for the Administrator salary at the February meeting. No other board action required at this time.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff will send board members a recommendation for staff compensation packages for 2021-2022. No board action required at this time.

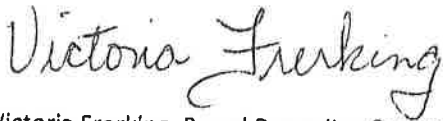
Administrator McNiff reported that area schools were requested before Christmas break to provide a count for Covid vaccinations for their district. A vaccination process is being put into place to begin vaccinations in the next week or two.

Public Comment

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

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5.

With no further business, Duane Smith moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed by consensus and President Hinz-Ensz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



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