

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

January 14, 2019

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, January 14, 2019 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, Deb Meyer, Jeannine Murphy; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking.

President Duane Smith 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 January 5, 2019.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Vic Jacobson. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Vic Jacobson moved to approve the minutes of the December 2018 meeting; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2019 and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$405,998.92; seconded by Deb Meyer. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

President Duane Smith began the process of reorganization of the ESU #5 Board of Director's officer positions. President Smith opened nominations by nominating Vic Jacobson for the position of Board President and moved nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast for Vic Jacobson to serve as Board President; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote with Vic Jacobson abstaining.

Duane Smith 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 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt nominated Duane Smith for the position of Board Secretary. Deb Meyer moved nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast for Duane Smith to serve as Board Secretary; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

President Jacobson appointed Jan Reimer as ESU #5 Board Treasurer and Victoria Frerking as ESU #5 Recording Secretary. No vote was necessary.

Roger Smidt moved to retain Security First Bank of Beatrice as the repository and the general fund account bank of ESU #5; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to retain Perry Law Firm as legal counsel for ESU #5; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update:

- Administrator McNiff informed the board that SENCAP has been supported through the consorting of Perkins Grant dollars from the districts. Because of regulations found in the grant, this is no longer possible. She then discussed with the board how the ESU could support the SENCAP program and the districts while consorting Perkins Grant dollars at the ESU level to provide for program expansion of STEM activities.
- Administrator McNiff informed the board that the World Language Program will be changing because the Federal government is no longer issuing J1 visas. The ESU is exploring ways to fill the gap that will be left when J1 visa foreign language teachers are no longer available.
- Administrator McNiff informed the board of the committee appointments for the 2019 Nebraska legislative session and property tax relief measures presented by the Nebraskans United for Property Tax Reform and Education.
- Administrator McNiff informed the board of administrative changes in the ESUCC, ESU's and area schools.

No board action required on these items.

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

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Legends Restaurant in Clatonia, Nebraska, followed by an Appreciation Dinner for board members, department directors and spouses.

With no further business, Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed by consensus.

President Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 7:03.



Victoria Frerking, Board Recording Secretary
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Brenda McNiff, Administrator
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