

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

January 9, 2023

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Betty Meyer, Tim McAllister, Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 December 30, 2022.

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

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the November 2022 meeting; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the December 2022 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$523,991.05; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the January 2023 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$513,096.07; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

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

Duane Smith nominated Vicki Hinz-Ensz for the position of Vice President and moved nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast for Vicki Hinz-Ensz to serve as Vice President; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote with Vicki Hinz-Ensz abstaining.

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

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

Duane Smith moved to retain Security First Bank of Beatrice as the repository and the general fund account bank of ESU 5; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

President Smidt moved to retain Perry Law Firm as legal counsel for ESU 5; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

New Business

Duane Smith moved to approve out-of-state travel for Shelby Glaser, ESU 5 School Psychologist, to attend the National Association of School Psychologists Conference in Denver, Colorado February 7-10; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Betty Meyer moved that ESU 5 pay tuition for 30 hours of course work for Dr. Nick Ziegler to attain his Education Specialist Degree in Administration at Doane College and that he be retained on ESU 5 staff for a minimum of five years post degree completion; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Brenda McNiff updated the board on the progress of the Beatrice Elementary Build. SNEA Board met with BPS Superintendent Jason Alexander on December 7, 2022 to discuss the finalized construction price of the new BPS Elementary Building.

Administrator Update:

Administrator McNiff informed the Board that she is looking at staff base pay throughout the state. At this time, only 40% of districts have reported so she will continue to monitor the compensation packages offered throughout the ESU 5 district schools and Nebraska. She will present to the board at the March meeting a recommendation for the ESU 5 staff 2022-23 compensation package.

Board Chair Roger Smidt informed the board that he will meet with Administrator McNiff in the near future regarding her contract and report to the board .

Administrator McNiff discussed some of the upcoming legislative bills to be introduced to the Nebraska State Legislature this session.

Administrator McNiff stated that the External Accreditation Visit will be March 28 and 29, 2023.

Administrator McNiff informed the board that the board appreciation dinner will be held at ESU 5 following the February meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023.

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 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. followed by an appreciation dinner.



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