Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

June 8, 2020

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, June 8, 2020, at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Chair Vic Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 May 28, 2020. Vicki Hinz-Ensz was introduced as the newly appointed board member for District 4 to replace Deb Meyer who resigned at the end of 2019. Her Oath of Office was signed. Roll call was taken. Present in person were board members Vic Jacobson, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Duane Smith, Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board member Jeannine Murphy was present via Zoom.

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

Roger Smidt moved to approve the minutes of the May 2020 meeting; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for June 2020 and authorize payment of bills in the amount of $422,855.69; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Duane Smith moved to approve the resignation of Danielle Schwab, Early Childhood Service Coordinator, effective June 12, 2020; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve a three year Administrator contract for Brenda McNiff as posted on the ESU 5 website; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update:

Administrator McNiff reported that ESU 5 has resumed regular hours with employees in the building as needed during the Pandemic. No board action required.

Administrator McNiff reported UNL is making hand sanitizer for all Nebraska schools for the school year free of charge. This will be distributed through the ESUs. No board action required.

Administrator McNiff informed the board that ESU 5 will receive Core Service Dollars in the amount of $53,500. No board action required.

Administrator McNiff reported that she and Business Manager Jan Reimer have begun to work on the 2020-2021 budget. No board action required at this time.

Public Comment: No one was in attendance to provide public comment on any items.
Adjournment:

With no further business, Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed by consensus.

Chair Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at ESU 5.

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