

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

March 11, 2019

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Vic Jacobson, Duane Smith, Roger Smidt, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Jeannine Murphy; Administrator Brenda McNiff and Board Treasurer Jan Reimer. Absent was board member Deb Meyer and Board Recording Secretary, Vicki Frerking.

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 March 4, 2019.

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

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the January 2019 meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to ratify the Treasurer's Report for February 2019 for bills in the amount of \$403,284.89; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2019 and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$430,150.14; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ryan McDowell, Technology Director, presented proposals from Davenport Group and Sterling to replace the server equipment, software and 5 year maintenance plan. Duane Smith moved to accept the proposals in the amount of \$373,507 to replace the server equipment located at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve a 205-day contract for Sarah Roesler to serve as a Speech Pathologist and Early Childhood Coordinator; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve a 195-day contract for Courtney Schendt, School Psychologist Intern, for 2019-2020; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve a 163-day contract for Erin Criner to serve as a Speech Pathologist; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator McNiff presented to the Board an employee compensation package for certified and non-certified employees for the 2019-2020 year. The proposal would increase the base salary by \$250 and increase the health insurance benefit by \$250/month. The 2019-20 base salary would be \$37,325 and the health insurance benefit would be \$1,300 per month. Roger Smidt moved to approve the \$250/\$250 proposal as presented; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update:

- Administrator McNiff informed the board on the 2019 Legislative Session Updates. LB 103 which will affect the property tax request, has advanced to Select File and will most likely pass.
- The Appreciation Dinner will be rescheduled for a date in April.

Roger Smidt made a motion for the board to move into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss the administrator evaluation/contract; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

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

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Educational Service Unit 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska, followed by an Appreciation Dinner for board members, department directors and spouses.

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

President Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



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