

## Educational Service Unit #5

### Board Minutes

March 13, 2023

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Betty Meyer, Tim McAllister, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking, Director of Mental Health and Wellness Jen McNally; ESU 5 School Psychologist Jamie Mapp; and visitor Angie Frerking. Board member Jeannine Murphy and Board Treasurer Jan Reimer were absent.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Jen McNally, Director of Mental Health and Wellness, presented the board with highlights of the Wellness 4ALL program being used in the District's schools and at four additional schools outside of the ESU 5 district.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 7:13 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 March 2, 2023.

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

Tim McAllister moved to approve the minutes of the February 2023 meeting; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

In the absence of Board Treasurer, Administrator McNiff presented the Treasurer's report. Roger Smidt moved to approve the February 2023 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$498,460.51; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### Old Business

Betty Meyer moved to approve the 2023-24 Administrator Contract as presented; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the 2023-24 Staff Compensation Package as presented with a 4.5% increase on salary only and health insurance premiums paid at \$1421 a month for employee, employee/spouse, and employee/child and \$1,908 a month for full family; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### New Business

Roger Smidt moved to approve the resignation of Shelby Glaser, School Psychologist, effective at the end of her 2022-23 contract; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the resignation of Cheri Koenig, Early Childhood Coordinator, effective at the end of her 2022-23 contract; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. The board commends and thanks Cheri on her service to ESU 5 for 27 years.

Duane Smith moved to approve the resignation of Nancy Schmidt, SPED Administrative Assistant, effective June 30, 2023; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. The board commends and thanks Nancy for her 45+ years of service to ESU 5.

Duane Smith moved that the presented list of equipment be declared surplus and disposed of properly; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### **Administrator Update**

Administrator McNiff reported on the legislative bills being debated in the Unicameral and their impact on education.

Administrator McNiff informed the board of the timeline for the External Accreditation Visitation Team on March 28-29. Board members are invited to attend the March 28 Interview with Board Officers at 11:15 a.m. and the March 29 lunch at 12:00 p.m., followed by the External Report at 12:30 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

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

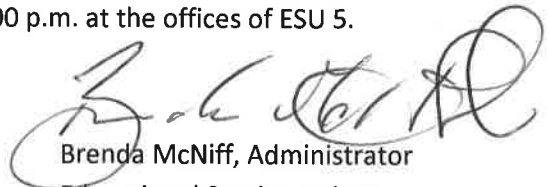
### **Adjournment**

With no further business, President Smidt adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5.



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