

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

March 14, 2022

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Darlene Pierce, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Betty Meyer; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and visitor Tim McAllister. Jeannine Murphy was absent.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 March 2, 2022.

Duane Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the February 2022 meeting; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the March 2022 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$446,416.07; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business

New Business

Duane Smith moved to approve the 2021 Audit Report as submitted by Dana F. Cole & Company; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve a 195 day contract for Sarah Schroeder, Mental Health Practitioner, for the 2022-23 school year; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Vicki Hinz-Ensz moved to approve the resignation of Juli Hintz, Vision Specialist, effective at the completion of her 2021-22 contract; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Darlene Pierce from the ESU 5 Board effective March 2022; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote with Darlene Pierce abstaining.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff gave an update on Instructional Coaches. She informed the Board that a "Needs Assessment" workday is being planned to determine the needs of the school districts.

Administrator McNiff informed the Board she had testified before the Education Committee on LB1146 March 11, 2022.

Administrator McNiff recognized and thanked Darlene Pierce for her years of service and dedication as a Board member to ESU 5.

Public Comment

Tim McAllister of Fairbury, retired Industrial Technology teacher, was in attendance to express his interest in filling the open position on the ESU 5 Board created by the resignation of Darlene Pierce. The ESU 5 Board will vote to appoint Tim McAllister to fill the open position at the April 2022 meeting.

Executive Session

Duane Smith moved the Board go into Executive Session at 7:09; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz; motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved the Board come out of Executive Session at 7:24; seconded by Duane Smith; motion passed on 5-0 roll call vote.


Adjournment

With no further business, President Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Duane Smith. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



Jan Reimer, Board Treasurer
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Brenda McNiff, Administrator
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