

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

March 8, 2021

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Lorna McMurray, Darlene Pierce, Jeannine Murphy; ESU 5 Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board member Vic Jacobson was absent.

President Vicki Hinz-Ensz called the meeting to order. She 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 February 25, 2021.

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

Roger Smidt moved to approve the minutes of the January, 2021 meeting, seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to ratify the February, 2021 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$435,696.86; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. These bills were authorized for payment by a mail ballot in February, 2021.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the March, 2021 Treasurer's Report and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$436,447.06; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business

Duane Smith moved to accept the 2020 Audit Report as presented at the meeting; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

New Business

Roger Smidt moved to approve a 190 day contract for Shelby Glaser, School Psychologist Intern, for the 2021-22 school year to begin in August 2021; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the 2021-22 Employee Compensation Package proposed by Administrator McNiff for a 3.5% increase on salary only for all employees; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the salary compensation for Administrator Brenda McNiff for the 2021-22 school year as posted on the ESU 5 website; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff informed the ESU 5 board that the PowerSchool program has grown to 88 participating schools across the state. There is discussion about ESUCC becoming the fiscal agent for the Nebraska PowerSchool Cooperative instead of ESU 5. No board action required at this time.

Administrator McNiff informed the ESU 5 board that all education staff in the ESU 5 District are scheduled to receive the COVID vaccine by Public Health Solutions on March 12th.

Administrator McNiff relayed to the ESU 5 board some of the proposed Legislative bills being discussed in Committee affecting education. She will keep the board informed of bills that come to the floor for debate that may need public comment. No board action required at this time.

Public Comment

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

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5.

With no further business, Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote and President Hinz-Ensz adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



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