Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

May 11, 2020

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, May 11, 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 April 30, 2020. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Vic Jacobson, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Duane Smith, Roger Smidt, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board member Jeannine Murphy was absent.

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

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the minutes of the April 2020 meeting with the correction of a vote reported to be 6-9 which was actually 6-0; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for May 2020 and authorize payment of bills in the amount of $420,328.69; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Duane Smith moved to approve a 210 day contract for Dr. Sara Cooper to serve as ESU 5 HAL Coordinator/Science Teacher for 2020-2021 school year in the amount of $63,857; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve a 191 day contract for Lindsey Bruna to serve as ESU 5 Speech Pathologist for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of $47,091; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve ESU 5 participation in all ESUCC programs for the 2020-2021 school year as presented; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved that Vicki Hinz-Ensz be appointed to fulfill the term of Deb Meyer; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved that the board move into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss the salary compensation for Administrator Brenda McNiff for the 2020-2021 school year; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved the board come out of Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update:

Administrator McNiff informed the board of the ESUCC Covid-19 Pandemic Petition submitted to Nebraska Department of Education. No board action required at this time.
Administrator McNiff informed the board that ESU 5 will receive Core Service Dollars in the amount of $53,284. No board action required.

Administrator McNiff discussed with the board legislation pertaining to education that may be addressed if the State Legislature reconvenes in June. No board action required.

ESU 5 continues with a skeleton crew working in the building which is open limited hours during the Pandemic. No board action required.

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

**Adjournment:**

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

President Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at ESU 5.

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