

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

November 14, 2022

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, November 14, 2022 at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Betty Meyer, Tim McAllister, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Carla Loemker arrived at 6:08 just prior to the contract approval for Erin Johnson.

Chair Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 November 3, 2022.

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

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 2022 meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Betty Meyer moved to approve the November 14, 2022 Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$558,890.90; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Tim McAllister moved to accept the resignation of Courtney Schendt, School Psychologist, effective at the completion of her 2022-23 contract; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Betty Meyer moved to approve a 190 day contract for Erin Johnson, School Psychologist Intern, for the 2023-24 school year to begin in August 2023; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff reported that employee health insurance rates are increasing 6.8%, equivalent to \$128 increase per month. She will gather more information as contracts are being negotiated at other ESU's. No board action required at this time.

Administrator McNiff said that a Board Appreciation Meal will be planned in February.

Administrator McNiff informed the board that Senators Myron Dorn and Tom Brandt will be at ESU 5 on December 15 at 9:00 a.m. to meet with ESU 5 Superintendents and ESU 5 staff. Board members are invited. Brenda McNiff visited individually this fall with Senators Dorn and Brandt.

Administrator McNiff and three other ESU 5 staff visited District schools during October for goal setting sessions with school leadership teams about their district priorities and how ESU 5 can assist with those. They still have to meet with Diller-Odell and Beatrice Public School teams.

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

The next board meeting will be December 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.

With no further business, Chair Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed by consensus. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



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