

## **Educational Services Unit #5**

### **Board Minutes**

**November 9, 2020**

The Board of Educational Service Unit 5 met on Monday, November 9, 2020 at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Vic Jacobson, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Duane Smith, Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Administrator Brenda McNiff and Board member Jeannine Murphy were absent.

The meeting was preceded with a presentation at 6:00 p.m. by Nick Ziegler and Christina Schroeder on the ESU #5 World Language Program.

Chair Vic Jacobson called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 October 27, 2020.

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

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

The Treasurer's Report for November 2020 was given by Board Treasurer Jan Reimer. Roger Smidt moved to approve the report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$483,478.17; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### **Old Business**

New Policy No. 4270, Staff Payments During Closure received a final reading by Chair Jacobson. Lorna McMurray moved to approve this policy; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### **New Business**

Duane Smith moved to approve the resignation of Alyssa Rousseau, Occupational Therapist; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### **Administrator Update**

In the absence of Administrator McNiff, Chair Jacobson and Board Treasurer Jan Reimer gave her report.

Current COVID-19 conditions in the ESU #5 area remain a concern.

ESU staff Matt McNiff and Jen McNally will give a virtual presentation on Mental Health at the virtual AESA Conference and Annette Weise and Matt Dworak will give a virtual presentation on the EKCO project. The recorded presentations will be available for board members to view.

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

The next board meeting will be December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5.

With no further business, Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lorna McMurray.  
Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. Chair Vic Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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