

## Educational Services Unit No. 5

### Board Minutes

October 10, 2022

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, October 10, 2022 at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Betty Meyer, Tim McAllister, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Roger Smidt was absent.

Prior to the meeting, Dr. Nick Ziegler gave a presentation to the Board on the ESU 5 Distance Learning Spanish Program.

Vice Chair Hinz-Ensz called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. 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 September 30, 2022.

Vice Chair Hinz-Ensz moved to approve the agenda with the addition of out-of-state travel approval for three ESU 5 staff; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Vicki Hinz-Ensz moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing on September 12, 2022; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular board meeting; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the October 10, 2022 Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$619,362.20; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### Old Business:

### New Business:

Duane Smith moved to approve out-of-state travel for Jason Stastny, Wade Vernon, and Mitch Owens to attend the VMware Conference in Kansas City on October 26-27; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff reported on her visits with Nebraska's Congressional representatives at the AESA "Call to Action" Conference in Washington D.C. in September. She went as part of the ESUCC Executive Board.

Administrator McNiff informed the board that the Nebraska Commissioner of Education, Matthew Blomstedt, will be leaving NDE effective January 3, 2023. Interim Commissioner is Deb Friesen.

Administrator McNiff and three other ESU 5 staff are making visits to District schools during October for goal setting sessions with school staff and listening sessions to see how ESU 5 can assist with those goals.

Administrator McNiff informed the board that teacher negotiations for 2022-23 are in process statewide. She will be following those negotiations prior to ESU 5's discussions on staff compensation packages for 2023-24.

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

The next board meeting will be November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.

With no further business, Vice Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed by consensus. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



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