

## **Educational Services Unit #5**

### **Board Minutes**

**October 12, 2020**

The Board of Educational Service Unit #5 met on Monday, October 12 at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Jeannine Murphy, Duane Smith, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Administrator Brenda McNiff, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Roger Smidt and Board Treasurer Jan Reimer were absent. Vic Jacobson joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

In the absence of Chair Vic Jacobson at the beginning of the meeting, Board Secretary Duane Smith called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 5, 2020.

Vicki Hinz-Ensz moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the minutes of the September 14 Budget Hearing meeting; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Vicki Hinz-Ensz moved to approve the minutes of the September 14 regular meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

The Treasurer's Report for October 2020 was given by Administrator Brenda McNiff in the absence of Board Treasurer Jan Reimer. Lorna McMurray moved to approve the report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$479,949.04; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the update to Policy No 4025: Article 4, Section 5(e) defining Professional Boundaries; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the update to Policy 8342; Article 2, Section 6(b) specifying the method by which notice of Board meetings is given; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

New Policy No. 4031 regarding Injury Leave is described in NE LB 1186. LB 1186 does not require ESUs to adopt this policy. Policy adoption died for lack of a motion.

New Policy No 4270 regarding Staff Payments During Closure was given first reading by Chair Jacobson. Second reading and vote for adoption will be taken at the November meeting.

Duane Smith moved to declare 110 chairs and 32 tables as surplus equipment and to dispose of them in a reasonable manner; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### **Administrative Update:**

Administrator McNiff reviewed with the board the recent report from Public Health Solutions regarding COVID-19. The risk dial for all PHS counties are in mid to low yellow risk area.

Administrator McNiff informed the board that registration details for the 2020 AESA Virtual Conference are not yet available. She will inform the board when details of the Conference become available.

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

The next board meeting will be November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5.

With no further business, Jeannine Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. Chair Vic Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.



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