Educational Services Unit #5

Board Minutes

The Board of Educational Service Unit #5 met on Monday, October 14, 2019 at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Vic Jacobson and Deb Meyer were absent.

In the absence of Chair Vic Jacobson, Vice-Chair Roger Smidt 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 October 3, 2019.

Roger Smidt 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 2019 meeting; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for October 2019 and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of $922,454.01; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

Administrator McNiff informed the board of a five-year 1.1 million dollar grant written by Dr. Regina Oliver, ESU5 School Psychologist, and awarded to ESU5 on October 1 through the Federal Office of Elementary Secondary Education as part of a highly competitive School Climate Transformation Grant. No board action required but congratulations are extended to Dr. Oliver.

New Business:

The first reading of the Transition Specialist job description was presented. No board action required at this time.

The first reading of the job description for a World Language Coordinator was presented. No board action required at this time.

Lorna McMurray moved to declare the proposed equipment as surplus and dispose of them as appropriate; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff informed the board of the proceedings of the recent public hearing for LR 63, a legislative study intended to examine the structure, duties, projects, and financing of Educational Service Units. No board action required.

With the return to standard time in November, the consensus of the board is to change the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. through March, 2020.
No one was in attendance to provide public comment on any items.

The next board meeting will be November 11, 2019 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 5-0. Vice-Chair Smidt adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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