

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

September 12, 2022

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the offices of ESU No. 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, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking.

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Chair Smidt 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 August 31, 2022.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the August 2022 meeting; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report from August 31, 2022 and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$16,924.95; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the September 12, 2022 Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$621,846.72; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Roger Smidt moved to approve the 2022-23 Budget in the amount of \$8,532,313; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Carla Loemker moved to set the Final Tax Request at \$1,157,727.65; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to set the levy at 0.015 per \$100.00 valuation; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith, Secretary of the Board, signed Board Resolution No. 09122022 Setting the Tax Request and Final Levy of Educational Service Unit No. 5.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the Employee Home Base for 2022-23, assigning all ESU employees a "home base" for mileage reimbursement as recommended by Perry Law Firm. Mileage will be reimbursed at the current standard rate as established by the Internal Revenue Service. Employees are responsible for traveling to and from their personal residence to their "home base". Motion seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Betty Meyer moved to approve Nick Ziegler, Matt McNiff and Brenda McNiff to attend the AESA Annual Conference November 30 – December 2, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia. Nick and Brenda will attend as presenters. Motion seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve Regina Oliver to attend the National PBIS Leadership Forum in Chicago, October 25-28, 2022. Regina is required to attend as part of the School Climate Transformation Grant. Motion seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Betty Meyer moved to approve attendance at the National Association for the Education of Young Children by Sarah Roesler, Jesse Harms, Cheri Koenig, Kylie Farringer, and Jessica Shepler in Washington D.C. November 16-19, 2022. Motion seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff reported on the \$150,000 EPIC Teacher Shortage Grant to assist in developing a career pathway to address the teacher shortage. This grant is a collaboration between ESU 5, ESU 6, and Doane University in Crete.

Administrator McNiff reported that Matt McNiff is providing SPED Supervision to Fairbury Schools. Fairbury Schools is in their first year of utilizing the ESU 5 Mental Health program. With these items in place, Fairbury Public Schools are seeing positive results.

Administrator McNiff reported that the top ESU 5 District priorities are a Level III Behavior Program and the Mental Health Program. The top ESU 5 staff priorities are staff wellness/retention and meeting the needs of ESU 5 districts.

ESU 5 Board members are invited to attend the Groundbreaking of the BPS Elementary School on September 30 from 10-11 a.m.

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

The next board meeting will be October 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.

With no further business, Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed by consensus. Chair Smidt adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.



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