

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

September 13, 2021

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, September 13 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Roger Smidt, Darlene Pierce, Duane Smith, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking, and Betty Meyer. Jeannine Murphy was absent.

Chair Ensz called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 2, 2021.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the minutes of the August 2021 meeting; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2021 and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$542,748.59; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Darlene Pierce moved to appoint Betty Meyer to fulfill the term of Vic Jacobson for District 1; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the 2021-22 Budget in the amount of \$7,657,806, seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to set the Final Tax Request at \$1,114,970.31; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to set the levy at 0.015 per \$100.00 valuation, seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith, Secretary of the Board, signed Resolution No. 091321 Setting the Tax Request and Final Levy of Educational Service Unit No. 5.

Roger Smidt moved to accept the resignation of Tiffany Wallman, Occupational Therapist, effective September 10, 2021; seconded by Duane Smith. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote. Tiffany has agreed to help with the transition of the new OT for the month of September.

Duane Smith moved to approve a 200 day contract for Jessica Shepler, Occupational Therapist, effective September 14, 2021 for the 2021-22 school year; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to declare two computers as surplus equipment and sell them to Tiffany Wallman and Kylie Farringer for \$200 per computer; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff asked if any board members were interested in attending the AESA Conference being held in Texas in December. No one expressed an interest in going.

Administrator McNiff reported that Perry Law Firm has notified her that the current Executive Order regarding mandatory COVID vaccinations for companies with 100 or more employees does not apply to schools as it was issued under OSHA regulations and schools are not regulated under OSHA. She and the ESU No. 5 school superintendents are meeting virtually with Public Health Solutions every other week to determine current COVID recommendations. No board action required.

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

The next board meeting will be October 11, 2021 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 Duane Smith. Motion passed by consensus. Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



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