

Educational Services Unit #5

Board Minutes

September 9, 2019

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, September 9, 2019, at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Darlene Pierce, Lorna McMurray, Vic Jacobson, Jeannine Murphy, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Duane Smith and Deb Meyer were absent.

Chair Vic Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7:50. 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 August 29, 2019.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Lorna McMurray moved to approve the minutes of the August 2019 meeting; seconded by Roger Smidt. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2019 and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$494,593.80; seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

Roger Smidt moved to approve the Mental Health Job Description on the final reading; seconded by Darlene Pierce. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator McNiff presented a document describing the goals, timeline of activities and budget of the EKCO (Exposing Kids to Career Opportunities) Project. No board action required.

New Business:

Roger Smidt moved to approve the 2019-20 Budget in the amount of \$10,027,562.00, seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to set the Final Tax Request at \$1,121,470.67, seconded by Lorna McMurray. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

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

Chair Jacobson appointed Roger Smidt as acting Board Secretary in the absence of Secretary Duane Smith to sign the Resolution Setting the Tax Request and Final Levy of Educational Service Unit #5.

Lorna McMurray moved to approve out-of-state travel for Jen McNally to attend the National Conference for Creating Trauma-Sensitive Schools in Atlanta, GA February 16-18, 2020 where she will be presenting. Motion seconded by Darlene Pierce and passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve Jan Reimer and Matt and Brenda McNiff to attend the AESA Conference December 4-7, 2019 in Phoenix, AZ; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Chair Jacobson explained the process and timeline of the ESU #5 Administrator evaluation. He proposes an informal evaluation this year followed by a formal evaluation beginning next spring. No board action required at this time.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff informed the board of the upcoming public hearing for LR 63, a legislative study intended to examine the structure, duties, projects, and financing of educational service units. Board members are encouraged to attend the hearing on October 4.

Administrator McNiff informed board members of grants received for the EKCO project and collaborative efforts with NDE and ESUCC to fund the Future Ready Conference.

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

The next board meeting will be October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU #5.

With no further business, Roger Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote. Chair Vic Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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