

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

August 10, 2026

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Jeannine Murphy, Tim McAllister, Betty Meyer, Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking; Tammy Wurm and Jennifer Jung. Duane Smith was absent.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, board members were introduced to Jennifer Jung and Tammy Wurm. Jennifer will be the Business Manager and Tammy will be the HR Manager.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m., acknowledging 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 July 30, 2026.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the June 2026 minutes as presented; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

Betty Meyer moved to approve the July treasurer's report and ratify payment of the bills in the amount of \$649,626.48; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the August treasurer's report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$628,449.01; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote of 6-0.

Old Business

New Business

Tim McAllister moved to accept the Audit Engagement Letter from Dana F. Cole & Company and retain them for the ESU 5 audit for the year ending August 31, 2026; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the 2026-27 Employee Home Base document as presented; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote of 6-0.

Administrator McNiff reviewed with the Board the ESUCC Master Service Agreement for support and services in 2026-27. No Board action required.

Tim McAllister moved that the required advance public notice of board meetings (Notice of Notices) will be published in the Hebron Journal Register and Beatrice Daily Sun newspapers four times a year as specified in Nebraska LB 59. The newspaper notices will state that notification of ESU 5 board meetings

will be posted on the ESU 5 website. Motion seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff discussed with the Board the work being done on preparing the 2026-27 Budget to be presented at the September meeting.

ESU 5 will host a Public Legislative Forum Monday, August 24 at 3:00 p.m. at ESU 5 with District 30 Candidates Cally Ideus and Janet Bock, and District 32 Candidates Mark Shoenrock and Shay Smith.

Administrator McNiff gave an update on new administrators in the district schools.

The AESA Conference will be December 2-4, 2026 in Orlando, Florida. Board members planning to attend are to notify the Business Manager. Dr. Nick Ziegler, Technology Integration Specialist/World Language Coordinator at ESU 5, will be presenting.

Public Comment

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

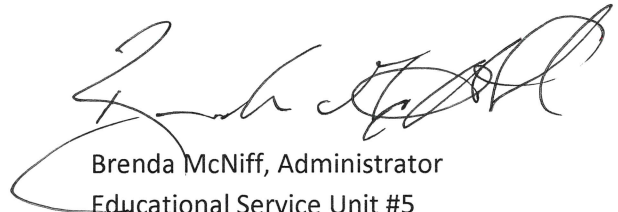
Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:17 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Monday, September 14, 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the Budget Hearing, followed by the regular Board meeting at the offices of ESU 5.



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