

## **Educational Service Unit #5**

### **Board Minutes**

**April 13, 2026**

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Duane Smith, Tim McAllister, Carla Loemker, Betty Meyer, Jeannine Murphy; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer. Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking was absent.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He acknowledged 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 April 6, 2026.

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

Carla Loemker moved to approve the March 9, 2026 minutes as presented; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote 7-0.

Roger Smidt moved to approve Check #69926 dated March 12, 2026, to EMC Insurance for \$452.00; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote 7-0.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the April Treasurer's report and authorize payments in the amount of \$658,638.32 as presented; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed on roll call vote 7-0.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Betty Meyer moved to approve a 185 day contract for Kasey Murphy, Physical Therapist, for the 2026-27 school year to begin on August 3 2026; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed on roll call vote of 7-0.

Tim McAllister moved to approve a 195 day contract for Laura Koenig, Early Childhood Literacy Coach, for the 2026-27 school year to begin on August 3 2026; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote of 7-0.

Carla Loemker moved to approve a 195 day contract for Shelisa Brooks, Mental Health Practitioner, for the 2026-27 school year to begin on August 3 2026; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed on roll call vote of 7-0.

### **Administrator Update**

Administrator McNiff gave an update on Legislative Bills 1050, 803, 937 and 1219 that are before the Nebraska Legislature.

The May 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be at 5:00 p.m.

Administrator McNiff and Business Manager, Jan Reimer, updated the Board on training progress for Jennifer Jung and Tammy Wurm.

**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 7:55p.m.

The next board meeting will be Monday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU5.



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