

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

April 14, 2025

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Betty Meyer, Jeannine Murphy, Tim McAllister, and Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Prior to the board convening, they heard a report from Jack Moles, Executive Director of Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 2, 2025.

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

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

Duane Smith moved to approve the April Treasurer's report and authorize payments in the amount of \$818,727.81; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business

New Business

Roger Smidt moved to approve a 195 day contract for Amy Coufal, Professional Development Coordinator, for the 2025-26 school year; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Vicki Hinz-Ensz moved to approve a 210 day contract for Kaye Otten, Behavior Coordinator, for the 2025-26 school year; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the out of state travel for Lisa Richardson to attend the Midwest Conference on Deaf Education in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 17th and 18th; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz.

Betty Meyer moved to approve the proposal from Noakes Heating & Air for a Trane h-vac unit. The cost of the unit with installation is \$51,760.00; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff provided a Legislative Update on the ESU funding hold for Core Service dollars and updated the Board on the 2025-26 staffing changes for ESU 5 school districts.

Public Comment

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

Adjournment

With no further business, President Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.; seconded by Tim McAllister. The motion passed by consensus. The next board meeting will be Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5.



Jan Reimer, Acting Board Secretary
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