

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

November 11, 2024

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, November 11, 2024 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Joni Runge gave a presentation on Nebraska's Comprehensive Literacy Development Program funded by a federal Comprehensive Literacy Development Grant.

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 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 October 31, 2024. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Tim McAllister, Betty Meyer, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board member Vicki Hinz-Ensz was absent.

Chair Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the October meeting minutes; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the November 11, 2024, Treasurer's Report and ratify payments in the amount of \$739,320.61; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Betty Meyer moved to approve out-of-state travel for Jen McNally, Jamie Mapp, and Sean Roberts to attend the Trauma-Sensitive Schools Conference in Atlanta, GA February 16-18, 2025; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote. Jen McNally is one of the presenters at the conference.

Roger Smidt moved to declare miscellaneous equipment and furniture as surplus to be disposed of properly; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff reported on the Teacher Apprentice Grant Partnership with UNL, ESU 5 & 6. The grant has been approved. Qualifying paraprofessionals in ESU 5 schools may enroll in the program by November 21, 2024.

Senators Myron Dorn and Tom Brandt will be visiting ESU 5 on December 10 at 10:00 a.m. ESU 5 Board members are invited to attend.

The annual audit dates are November 14 and 15.

Tim McAllister will attend the AESA Conference December 4-6 in Orlando, Florida.

Executive Session

Roger Smidt moved the board go into executive session at 6:58 p.m. for discussion of the Administrator's 2025-26 compensation package; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved the board come out of executive session at 7:23 p.m.; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Public Comment:

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

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chair Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed by consensus. The next board meeting will be December 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.



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