

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

September 14, 2026

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, September 14, 2026 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Jeannine Murphy, Tim McAllister, Betty Meyer, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, ESU Business Manager Jennifer Jung, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board member Duane Smith was absent.

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and acknowledged that this was an open meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and notices of such was published in the Beatrice Daily Sun, Hebron Journal Register, and ESU 5 website the week of September 3, 2026.

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

Carla Loemker moved to approve the minutes of the August 2026 meeting; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt appointed ESU 5 Business Manager Jennifer Jung to serve as ESU 5 Treasurer.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the August Treasurer's Report and ratify payments in the amount of \$758,039.79; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Tim McAllister moved to adopt Resolution #09142026, as read by Chair Smidt, to approve the 2026-2027 budget of \$9,968,224.00, submit the final tax request of \$1,665,476.75, and set the levy request at 0.015 per One Hundred Dollars; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff gave updates on ESU 5 Business Manager Jan Reimer's retirement on September 30, the District Superintendents meeting, and the NE Senate Candidate forum held at ESU.

AESA Conference is December 2-4, 2026 in Orlando, Florida. Nick Ziegler is presenting and Administrator Brenda McNiff is planning to attend. If any board members are planning to attend, they are to contact ESU 5 Business Manager Jennifer Jung soon.

Public Comment:

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

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chair Smidt adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The next board meeting will be October 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.



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