

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

December 9, 2024

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, December 9, 2024 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 November 27, 2024. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Jeannine Murphy, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Tim McAllister, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board members Duane Smith and Betty Meyer were absent.

Chair Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the November meeting minutes; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the December 9, 2024 Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$601,313.90; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Tim McAllister moved to approve the resignation of Odessa Ambrose, Vision Specialist, effective at the completion of her 2024-25 contract; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

The first reading of the Employee Leave of Absence Policy was held. Board members suggested additions to the policy which will be added prior to the second reading and adoption of the policy at the January 2025 meeting.

Administrative Updates:

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.

Administrator McNiff reported that BCBS Health Insurance premium rates for 2025-26 will increase 5.4%. She will present more information regarding 2025-26 employee compensation packages at the January meeting.

Administrator McNiff reported six paraprofessionals in ESU 5 schools are enrolled in the Teacher Apprentice Grant Partnership Program.

A Board Appreciation Dinner will be held in February 2025.

Tim McAllister reported on his attendance at the AESA Conference December 4-6 in Orlando, Florida.

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 7:04 p.m., seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed by consensus. The next board meeting will be January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.



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