

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

February 10, 2025

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Betty Meyer, Tim McAllister; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Carla Loemker arrived at 5:15 p.m. Vicki Hinz-Ensz was absent.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 January 28, 2025.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed on roll call vote 5-0.

Duane Smith moved to approve the January 2025 minutes as presented; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed on roll call vote 5-0.

Duane Smith moved to approve the February treasurer's report and authorize payments in the amount of \$588,325.40; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed on roll call vote 5-0.

Old Business

Betty Meyer moved to approve the 2025-26 Administrator's contract as presented by Board President Roger Smidt and posted on the ESU 5 website; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed on roll call vote 5-0.

Administrator McNiff distributed the completed audit report for 2023-2024.

New Business

Roger Smidt moved to approve the medical leave of absence request submitted by Matt McNiff as required by ESU 5 policy; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

Roger Smidt moved to approve Administrator McNiff's proposed 3.5% total package increase for 2025-26 staff; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff gave an update on bills introduced for the 2025 Nebraska Legislative session regarding education, and Governor Pillen's proposed budget for state funding of education.

Public Comment

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

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. by President Smidt. The next board meeting will be Monday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5.



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