

## **Educational Service Unit #5**

### **Board Minutes**

**March 9, 2026**

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Duane Smith, Tim McAllister, Carla Loemker, Betty Meyer; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Jeannine Murphy was absent.

Prior to the business meeting, the Board heard from Tricia Hintz, ESU 5 Literacy Specialist, on ESU 5's implementation of the Nebraska Literacy Project.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:25 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 February 26, 2026.

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

Carla Loemker moved to approve the February 2026 minutes as presented; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

Duane Smith moved to approve the March treasurer's report and authorize payments in the amount of \$621,107.48; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

### **Old Business**

Roger Smidt moved to approve the ESU 5 Administrator's 2026-2027 contract as presented; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

### **New Business**

Tim McAllister moved to approve the resignation of Sadie Coffey, MTSS/ILCD Coordinator, effective at the completion of her 2025-2026 contract; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed on roll call vote of 6-0.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the resignation of Katelyn Pick, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective at the completion of her 2025-26 contract; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the resignation of Pam Borgman, Special Education Administrative Assistant, effective June 30, 2026; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed on roll call vote 6-0. The Board thanks Pam for her many years of service and wishes her well in her retirement.

### **Administrator Update**

Administrator McNiff updated the Board on staff changes. Jennifer Jung has been hired as Business Manager. Tammy Wurm will be the Human Resources/Sped Financials Manager.

Administrator McNiff gave an update on Legislative Bills 653, 1050, and 1219 that are before the Nebraska Legislature.

The 2025 audit report was distributed. It reports that everything was found to be in order.

### **Public Comment**

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

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:40 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Monday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU5.



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