

## **Educational Service Unit #5**

### **Board Minutes**

**May 12, 2025**

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Tim McAllister, Betty Meyer, Jeannine Murphy, and Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board members Duane Smith and Vicki Hinz-Ensz were absent.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 April 30, 2025.

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

Carla Loemker moved to approve the minutes of the April meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the May Treasurer's report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$617,239.79; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Tim McAllister moved that ESU 5 participate in all of the ESUCC programs for the 2025-26 school year and the optional SPARQ Negotiations and Student Records System (SRS) for a total cost of \$27,506; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve out of state travel for Kylie Farringer, Speech Pathologist serving Fairbury Public Schools, to attend the "Get Your Teach On" Conference June 29-July 2, 2025 in Dallas, Texas with Fairbury staff; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 5-0 on roll call vote.

### **Administrator Update**

Administrator McNiff provided a Legislative Update on bills before the Nebraska Legislature pertaining to education and updated the board on 2025-26 staffing for ESU 5 school districts.

### **Public Comment**

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

## Adjournment

With no further business, President Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.; seconded by Carla Loemker. The motion passed by consensus. The next board meeting will be Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5.



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