

Educational Service Unit #5

Board Minutes

May 13, 2024

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Betty Meyer, Tim McAllister, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking.

Prior to the meeting, Annette Weise, Professional Development Coordinator, provided an update to the Board on the Distance Learning Science Program, the EKCO Program (Exposing Kids to Career Opportunities) and the Revision Grants for district schools.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 May 2, 2024.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the meeting minutes of the April 2024 meeting; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the April Treasurer's report with payment of the warrants in the amount of \$565,697.19; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business

New Business

Betty Meyer moved to approve a 195 day contract for Marikarmen Vazquez, World Language Teacher Intern, for the 2024-25 school year; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve ESU 5's participation in all of the ESUCC programs for the 2024-25 school year; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve out-of-state travel for Kelly Garcia, Spanish Teacher, to attend the 2024 Teacher Leadership Institute hosted by CASLS at the University of Oregon July 23-25, 2024. Her expenses will be reimbursed by Nebraska Wesleyan University C-funds. Motion seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Legislative Summary

Administrator McNiff provided the Board with a Legislative Recap Memo pertaining to school law from Perry Law Firm to help schools comply with new requirements enacted by the state legislature.

Administrator Update

Administrator McNiff informed the board that a Federal Grant application has been submitted for a \$1.4 million grant over five years to recruit and retain mental health providers in schools. The grants will be awarded in mid August or September.

Administrator McNiff also informed the board of the administrative changes and vacancies in the ESU 5 district schools.

Public Comment

There was no one in attendance to offer public comment on any items.

Adjournment

With no further business, President Smidt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be June 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.



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