## **Educational Services Unit No. 5**

Board Minutes November 13, 2023

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Tim McAllister, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, ESU 5 Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board members Duane Smith, Betty Meyer, and Jeannine Murphy were absent

### **Administrative Updates:**

Administrator Brenda McNiff updated the board on legislative studies being done and bills likely to be introduced at the next Legislative session that may impact ESU's.

Administrator McNiff reported that there are discussions among ESU's regarding how much support ESU's provide to private schools in their districts.

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:25 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 2, 2023.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 board meeting; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the October Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$622,272.42; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

# **Old Business:**

Administrator McNiff reported on the progress of the Strategic Planning process. During the External Review last spring, it was suggested ESU 5 engage in a Strategic Planning process. Administrator McNiff has been contacting entities that help with the Strategic Planning process and will report with more information at the December meeting. No board action required at this time.

#### **New Business:**

# **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 6:30 p.mm.

The next board meeting will be December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.

Victoria Frerking, Board Recording Secretary

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