

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

October 13, 2025

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, October 13, 2025 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Duane Smith, Tim McAllister, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board members Roger Smidt, Betty Meyer, and Jeannine Murphy were absent.

Vice-Chair Hinz-Ensz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and 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 October 2, 2025.

Vicki Hinz-Ensz 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 2025 September Board meeting; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the September 2025 Treasurer's Report and ratify payments in the amount of \$683,455.90; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Duane Smith moved to approve out of state travel for Jen McNally, Mental Health Director, to present a break out session on the Wellness 4ALL Program at the AESA Conference in Colorado Springs, December 3-5, 2025; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Tim McAllister moved to approve out of state travel for Mitch Owens and Wade Vernon, Technology Specialists, to attend the UniFi World Conference in Miami Beach, Florida November 4, 2025; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

The first reading of the ESU 5 Regional Literacy Coach Job Description was held. Passage of the job description requires two readings before the Board will vote on adopting the ESU 5 Regional Literacy Coach Job Description.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff invited the board to attend the visit of Senators Dorn and Brandt at the ESU 5 on December 11th at 10:00 a.m. ESU 5 Superintendents will also be invited.

Administrator McNiff informed the board that Perry Law Firm has provided policy updates that would be presented to the Board in the next few months for adoption.

The Annual Audit will take place on November 13-14.

Public Comment:

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

Adjournment:

With no further business, Vice-Chair Vicki Hinz-Ensz adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The next board meeting will be November 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.



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