

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

September 8, 2025

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, September 8, 2025 at the offices of ESU #5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Jeannine Murphy, Tim McAllister, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board members Betty Meyer, Carla Loemker, and Duane Smith were absent.

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:41 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 August 26, 2025.

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

Roger Smidt moved to approve the minutes of the August 2025 meeting; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the August Treasurer's Report and authorize payments in the amount of \$707,496.41; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Tim McAllister moved to adopt Resolution #090825, as read by Chair Smidt, to approve the 2025-26 budget of \$9,797,089.00, submit the final tax request of \$1,567,499.80, and set the levy request at 0.015 per One Hundred Dollars; seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt, Chair of ESU 5 Board, signed Board Resolution No. 090825 Setting the Tax Request and Final Levy of Educational Service Unit No. 5.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the resignation of Kaye Otten, Behavior Coordinator; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to declare two laptop computers purchased in 2020 that are on a five-year cycle to replace as surplus equipment; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 4-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff gave updates on the Leadership visits with ESU 5 district schools.

Public Comment:

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

With no further business, Chair Smidt adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m. The next board meeting will be October 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.



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