Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes September 9, 2024

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, September 9, 2024 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Jeannine Murphy, Tim McAllister, Betty Meyer, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board member Duane Smith was absent.

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. Chair Smidt 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 September 2, 2024.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the minutes of the August 2024 meeting; seconded by Vicki Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Tim McAllister moved to approve the August Treasurer's Report and ratify payments in the amount of \$636,001.99; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Betty Meyer moved to adopt Resolution #09092024, as read by Chair Smith, to approve the 2024-25 budget of \$9,899,203.00, submit the final tax request of \$1,412,932.43, and set the levy request at 0.015 per One Hundred Dollars; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt, Chair of ESU 5 Board, signed Board Resolution No. 09092024 Setting the Tax Request and Final Levy of Educational Service Unit No. 5.

Carla Loemker moved to approve, as presented by Dr. McNiff, the required trainings in the time allowed; seconded by Vicki Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to declare as surplus a large format vinyl cutter that is no longer functioning that would be costly to repair; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff reported that there is a temporary personnel change in the position of Behavior Consultant as Matt McNiff is undergoing medical treatment. Barb Gross, Behavior Consultant, will cover Matt's position during his absence.

Administrator McNiff updated the Board on the ESU 5 Academy which began this fall. This program is for the 18-21 year olds who are transitioning out of SPED programs in their respective schools and is held on the campus of SCC Beatrice.

Administrator McNiff gave an update on the new Superintendents in the EUS 5 schools.

Public Comment:

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

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chair Smidt adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next board meeting will be October 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.

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