



Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Educational Service Unit 7, Oak Room
2657 44th Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601-8537

1. Call the meeting to order

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

LEADERSHIP • SERVICE • SUPPORT - ESU 7 Mission Statement

Notice of this meeting was given in advance according to State Law 84-1411, by giving notice of the meeting to the public on ESU 7 website www.esu7.org and posted at location of meeting. Notice of this meeting was also given in advance to all members of the Board of Directors. Availability of the agenda and purpose of the hearing was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting and in the notice to the members of this hearing. All proceedings of the Board of Directors were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

1.1. Notification of Open Meetings Law

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale: This meeting has been preceded by advance notice and is hereby declared to be in open session. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room.

1.2. Roll Call

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

2. Public Forum

2.1. Welcome Visitors

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

2.2. Public Comment

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale: The board has the discretion to limit the amount of time set aside for public participation.

Citizens wishing to address the board on a certain agenda item must notify the Educational Service Unit administrator prior to the board meeting. Citizens wishing to present petitions to the board may do so at this time. However, the board will only receive the petitions and not act upon them or their contents.

Public Participation in Board Meetings **Policy 1.02.02**

3. Approval of Agenda

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.

Order of Business, Regular Meetings **Policy 1.02.01**

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve agenda.

Recommended Motion(s):

Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

4. Approval of Minutes

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the minutes as presented.

Recommended Motion(s):

Minutes as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5. Action Items

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

5.1. Board Absences

Rationale: Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the board absences.

Recommended Motion(s):

Board absences were approved and Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.2. Treasurer's Report

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.

Recommended Motion(s):

Treasurer's Report as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.3. Presentation of Bills

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

The summary of bills for the current month total:\$725,739.72 - Bill #61597 through #61793

Tech Arrears: Boone Central \$603.00, Cross Co.\$567.50, Fullerton \$426.25, High Plains \$847.50, Humphrey \$1,590.00, Lakeview \$822.50, Leigh \$91.25, Palmer \$70.00, Schuyler \$1,488.90, St. Edward \$100.00, Twin River \$2,278.75.

SPED Arrears: None

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve bills as presented.

Recommended Motion(s):

Bills as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.4. Grant Contracts

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler/Dee Condon

Rationale:

Employee contracts offered to Sonja Chatfield-Peetz, Autism Spectrum Disorders Grant Coordinator, Cynthia Alarcon, Migrant Education Grant Coordinator, Danielle Waite, Program Analyst, Gricelda Brabec, Migrant Education Recruiter, Isaura Barreto, Migrant Education Recruiter, Diana Garcia, Migrant Education Recruiter, Darlene Rodriguez, Migrant Education Recruiter, Vanessa Gascon-Guarcas, Migrant Education PAC, Melinda Velecela, Migrant Service Provider, Migrant Tutors for Columbus Public Elementary.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take action to approve the employee contracts for Sonja Chatfield-Peetz, Autism Spectrum Disorders Grant Coordinator, Cynthia Alarcon, Migrant Education Grant Coordinator, Danielle Waite, Program Analyst, Gricelda Brabec, Migrant Education Recruiter, Isaura Barreto, Migrant Education Recruiter, Diana Garcia, Migrant Education Recruiter, Darlene Rodriguez, Migrant Education Recruiter, Vanessa Gascon-Guarcas, Migrant Education PAC, Melinda Velecela, Migrant Service Provider, Migrant Tutors for Columbus Public Elementary.

Recommended Motion(s):

Employee contracts for Sonja Chatfield-Peetz, Autism Spectrum Disorders Grant Coordinator, Cynthia Alarcon, Migrant Education Grant Coordinator, Danielle Waite, Program Analyst, Gricelda Brabec, Migrant Education Recruiter, Isaura Barreto, Migrant Education Recruiter, Diana Garcia, Migrant Education Recruiter, Darlene Rodriguez, Migrant Education Recruiter, Vanessa Gascon-Guarcas, Migrant Education PAC, Melinda Velecela, Migrant Service Provider, Migrant Tutors for Columbus Public Elementary Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.5. PST Contract Amendment

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale:

Due to changing personal responsibilities, Barb Friesth, Professional Development Coordinator is requesting her 2015-2016 contract to decrease from 245 (1.0 FTE) days to 200 (.82 FTE) days.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the amendment to Barb Friesth's, Professional Development Coordinator contract.

Recommended Motion(s):

The amendment to Barb Friesth's, Professional Development Coordinator contract Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.6. SPED Resignation

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale:

Joette Post, Speech Language Pathologist, has submitted her letter of resignation effective immediately. Letter of resignation and associated agreement is attached.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the resignation of Joette Post.

Recommended Motion(s):

The resignation of Joette Post,Speech Language Pathologist Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.7. Budget Hearing

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale: Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the date for the 2015-2016 ESU 7 budget to be set as September 17th, 6:45 p.m. ESU 7 Oak Conference Room as the date, time, and location for the public hearing.

Recommended Motion(s):

Budget Hearing date of September 17th, 6:45 p.m. ESU 7 Oak Conference Room Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.8. Tax Asking Hearing

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale: Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to set September 17th, 6:55 p.m. ESU 7 Oak Conference Room as the date, time, and location for the public hearing for 2015-2016 ESU 7 Tax Asking Request.

Recommended Motion(s):

September 17th, 6:55 p.m. ESU 7 Oak Conference Room as the date, time, and location for the public hearing for 2015-2016 ESU 7 Tax Asking Request Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.9. Budgeting for Additional 1%

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale:

Nebraska Statute allows an additional 1% in budgeted property tax asking requiring an affirmative vote of 75% of the governing body for approval. These additional budget authority dollars remain critical as we continue to operate with the one and a half cent levy, no

state aid funding for 2015-2016, and spending restrictions for the upcoming years. The main impact for ESU 7 from this action would be to increase budget authority to potentially be used in the future a valuations might increase or additional state aid dollars become available.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the additional 1% in budgeted tax asking.

Recommended Motion(s):

Budgeting for additional 1% Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.10. NRCSA

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale:

The NRCSA Membership Dues for 2015-2016 are \$700 due September 1st.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve/disapprove the NRCSA Membership for 2015-2016

Recommended Motion(s):

NRCSA Membership for 2015-2016 Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.11. Authorization of Administrator to Sign for Federal/State Funds

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale: Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to authorize ESU 7 Administrator, Larianne Polk as the official signature for all federal and state program funds from July 15, 2015 to July 31, 2016.

Recommended Motion(s):

Authorization of Administrator to Sign for Federal/State Funds Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.12. First Reading of Policy 1.0 Official Board Policy

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the first reading of Policy 1.0 Official Board Policy as presented and advance it to the next meeting for second reading.

Recommended Motion(s):

First reading of Policy 1.0 Official Board Policy and its advancement to the August meeting Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

6. Discussion Items

6.1. Budget Committee Update

Speaker(s): Chairman Terry Fusco

Rationale: Budget committee met to discuss in detail the budget worksheets for each department completed to date. Chairman Fusco will review the summary with the board. The committee will meet again August 17th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Walnut Room.

6.2. Negotiations

Speaker(s): Negotiations Committee

Rationale: The Board Negotiations Chair and ESUEA Members met on June 16th at 3 p.m. and discussed preliminary expectations of the 2015-2016 negotiations season

6.3. Administrator's Report

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale:

Facilities Update

Statewide Update

Administrator's Goals

Association of Educational Service Agencies - AESA (December 2nd-5th)

State Conference (November 18th-20th)

Regional Nebraska Association of School Boards - NASB Membership Meeting

Check on Attendance in August and September Board Meetings

Board Retreat Information

7. Adjournment

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Motion to adjourn.

Recommended Motion(s):

Adjournment of meeting at pm Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

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