



Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Educational Service Unit 7, Oak Room
2657 44th Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601-8537
Monday, March 20, 2017 at 5:30 PM

Attendance Taken at 5:31 PM.

Joyce Baumert: Present
Marni Danhauer: Present
Donald Ellison: Present
Terry Fusco: Present
Dan Hoesly: Absent
Doug Kluth: Present
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Doug Pauley: Absent
Richard Stephens: Present
Gary Wieseler: Present
Jack Young: Present
Present: 8, Absent: 4.

1. Call the meeting to order



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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.



President Don Ellison conducted the meeting.

1.1. Notification of Open Meetings Law

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

Roll call was taken at 5:31pm.

Staff present: Larianne Polk, Administrator
Linda Shefcyk, Business Manager
Katy McNeil, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Marc Ostmeyer, Professional Development Director
Darus Mettler, Special Education Director

Otis Pierce, Professional Development Coordinator

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

All members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Forum



2.1. Welcome Visitors

No visitors were present.

2.2. Public Comment

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**

No public comments provided.

3. Approval of Agenda

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.



Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Doug Pauley and a second by Jack Young.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

4. Approval of Minutes

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



Minutes as amended Passed with a motion by Terry Fusco and a second by Gary Wieseler.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Abstain (With Conflict)
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 3, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5. Action Items

5.1. Board Absences

Richard Luebbe will be absent due to family travel.

Staff Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take action to approve the Board absences.



Motion to approve absent Board directors Passed with a motion by Terry Fusco and a second by Jack Young.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

Richard Luebbe was be absent due to family travel.

Jennifer Miller was absent due to family medical.

Dan Hoesly was absent due to personal reasons.

5.2. Treasurer's Report

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



Treasurer's Report as presented Passed with a motion by Doug Pauley and a second by Terry Fusco.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.3. Presentation of Bills

The summary of bills for the current month total: \$740,482.98 - Bills #64898 through #65063

Inservice bills total: \$0

SPED Arrears: Elkhorn Valley: \$1194.98

TECH Arrears: \$0

Check #	Amount	Vendor	Description
64910	\$16,348.14	Boone Central Schools	Title 1 Reimbursement
64918	\$10,925.76	Capital One	Migrant Travel
64933	\$7,689.83	Cross Co. Schools	Title 1 Reimbursement

64935	\$10,000.00	Dan St. Romain	Early Learning Contract
64952	\$7,021.78	ESU 2	NNNC Quarterly bill
64954	\$9,793.48	ESU 6	AV Repair
64955	\$7,217.00	Fireguard	Tech Bond clean agent fire
64966	\$4,425.00	Heartland Communications	Tech Bond phone system move
64967	\$8,728.17	High Plains	Title 1 Reimbursement
64991	\$12,213.39	Leigh Community Schools	Title 1 Reimbursement
65024	\$5,915.53	Osceola Public School	Title 1 Reimbursement
65049	\$4,779.20	DAS State Accounting Central City	DL connectivity and transport fee

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



Bills as presented Passed with a motion by Doug Kluth and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.4. Coordinating Agency for ESU 7 Special Education Cooperative

ESU 7 continues to serve as the coordinating agency for the ESU 7 Special Education Cooperative for 2017-2018.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the continuation of ESU 7 as the coordinating agency for the ESU 7 Special Education Cooperative for 2017-

2018.

Continuation of ESU 7 as the coordinating agency for the ESU 7 Special Education Cooperative for 2017-2018 Passed with a motion by Joyce Baumert and a second by Terry Fusco.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.5. Negotiations

Chairman Kluth will give an overview of Negotiations Committee discussions regarding classified staff compensation for 2017-2018.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the classified total compensation package increase of % as presented.



Classified total compensation package increase of 4% Passed with a motion by Doug Kluth and a second by Richard Stephens.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.6. ESU 7 Administrator Contract Amendment

The Board Negotiations Committee has proposed the salary amount for the ESU 7 Administrator for the 2017-2018 term as detailed in the attached contract.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the amended ESU 7 Administrator Contract.

ESU 7 Amended Administrator Contract Passed with a motion by Doug Kluth and a second by Richard Stephens.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
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The Board approved a 7.13% increase for the Administrator Contract.

5.7. Reading of Policies 1.12 Employment of Administrator and 3.07 Payment of Salary

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Policies 1.12 Employment of Administrator and 3.07 Payment of Salary as presented.



Policies 1.12 Employment of Administrator and 3.07 Payment of Salary as presented
Passed with a motion by Jack Young and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
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5.8. 2017-2018 Professional Employment Contracts

Recommendation: Offer employment contracts for 2017-2018 to the following: Brooke Kavan 245 Days, Brooke Kohliha 245 Days, Mark Brady 245 Days, Laura Plas 245 Days, Dan Ellsworth 245 Days, Marcia Ostmeyer 245 Days, Otis Pierce 245 Days, Darus Mettler 245 Days for Educational Service Unit 7 employment.

Employment Contracts for Brooke Kavan 245 Days, Brooke Kohliha 245 Days, Mark Brady 245 Days, Laura Plas 245 Days, Dan Ellsworth 245 Days, Marcia Ostmeyer 245 Days, Otis Pierce 245 Days, Darus Mettler 245 Days for 2017-2018 as presented Passed with a motion by Doug Kluth and a second by Terry Fusco.

Dan Hoesly: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Jennifer Miller: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

6. Discussion Items

6.1. President's Workshop Report

Board President Ellison and Vice President Fusco will give a report of their learning from the NASB President's Workshop in Norfolk on March 5-6, 2017.

Board Members Ellison and Fusco provided information from their experience at the NASB President's Workshop. Consent Agenda was discussed and will be placed on the agenda in the April Board Meeting for consideration and use in the May Board Meeting.

6.2. Back to Basics of School Law Report

Board Members Stephens and Wieseler will give an overview of topics covered at the Back to Basics of School Law Conference on March 16, 2017 in Norfolk.

Board Members Stephens and Wieseler gave an overview of their experience at the Back to Basics School Law Conference. The importance of a transparent agenda was discussed.

6.3. AdvancED Update

Administrator Polk will discuss the upcoming ESU 7 AdvancED Visit.

Administrator Polk announced the dates for the 2018 AdvancED external visit of March 26-28, 2018 and gave an overview of preparations to date.

6.4. Administrator's Report

Facilities Update

- Phone System
- Data Center
- Boiler

ESUCC Update Quarterly Report

- Administrator's Goals
- Scorecard

Upcoming Events

- April 18, 2017 Board Dinner - TUESDAY
- Board Member Photos in April

Discuss the Legislature



Facilities Update:

Phone System: Administrator Polk gave a brief overview of the new phone system. Benefits should include streamlined billing, lower long-distance charges, and decreased bill overall.

Data Center: Administrator Polk gave a general overview of progress of Technology Bond Spending.

Boiler: Boilers in both the North and South Buildings have been repaired. Maintenance will continue monitoring.

ESUCC Update:

Administrator Polk shared that ESUCC will have four retiring Administrators at the end of 2016-2017.

Quarterly Report:

Administrator Polk gave an overview of her quarterly report to the Board. The quarterly report includes an update of Administrator and strategic planning goals as well as highlighted quarterly activities all aligned with the seven components the Board has identified as Administrator priorities.

Upcoming Events:

Board Recognition Dinner will be on April 18, 2017 with Board Meeting beginning at 4:00pm at ESU 7 and with the Recognition Dinner beginning at 5:30pm at the Elks County Club.

Board Member Photos will take place at ESU 7 on April 18, 2017.

Legislative Update:

Administrator Polk gave an overview of legislative bills currently facing education.

Legislative Day:

Vice President Fusco and Administrator Polk gave an overview of the Legislative Day event

with ESUCC. They reported they had contact with thirteen Senators and/or their representatives.

Board Member Visits:
Visits will resume in May.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by the Recording Secretary to the Board, Katy McNeil.