



Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Educational Service Unit 7, Oak Room

2657 44th Avenue

Columbus, NE 68601-8537

Monday, February 19, 2018 at 5:30 PM

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Joyce Baumert: Present

Marni Danhauer: Present

Donald Ellison: Present

Terry Fusco: Present

Dan Hoesly: Present

Doug Kluth: Present

Richard Luebbe: Present

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Doug Pauley: Present

Richard Stephens: Absent

Gary Wieseler: Present

Jack Young: Present

Present: 10, Absent: 2.

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 reasonable 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: 5:30pm

Staff present:

Larianne Polk, Administrator

Linda Shefcyk, Business Manager

Katy McNeil, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Marci Ostmeyer, Professional Development Director

Darus Mettler, Special Education Director

1.2.1 Board Absences

Jen Miller will be absent from the February Board Meeting for work travel.

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

Board Member absences as presented Passed with a motion by Doug Pauley and a second by Terry Fusco.

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Richard Stephens: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Doug Kluth: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Richard Stephens was absent for personal reasons.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

All members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 **Public Forum**

2.1 Welcome Visitors

The Board welcomed Jeff Anderson of Fullerton Public Schools to present the Services Plan.

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**

3 Approval of Agenda

The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the Board.

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

presented.

Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Dan Hoesly and a second by Gary Wieseler.

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Richard Stephens: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Doug Kluth: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

4 2018-2019 Services Plan

The ESU 7 Advisory Committee Chair attending will make a summary report to the Board on the plan for the Levy and Core Services for 2018 - 2019.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the plan for Levy and Core Services for 2018 - 2019 as presented.

Jeff Anderson, Superintendent of Fullerton Public Schools and this year's Superintendent Advisory Committee Chair, gave an overview of the SIMPL process the Superintendents and Principals go through to help determine services for ESU 7 Districts. He described the 2018-2019 Services Plan and the new services which have been added to it for the upcoming school year along with the results of the SIMPL services planning process.

5 Consent Agenda

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

If any Board member wishes to discuss an item, it must be removed from the consent agenda at which time the remaining items will be acted upon.

Consent Agenda Includes:

- Minutes from the previous meeting(s)
- Treasurer's Report
- Presentation of the Bills
- Certificated/Classified Hire(s)/Reassignments/Resignation(s)
- Other Routine Agenda Items

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Levy and Core Services for 2018 - 2019 as presented Passed with a motion by Marni Danhauer and a second by Dan Hoesly.

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Richard Stephens: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Doug Kluth: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5.1 Minutes

This is a consent item.

5.2 Treasurer's Report

This is a consent item.

5.3 Presentation of Bills #66701 through #66835 totaling \$719,471.26

The summary of Bills #66701 through #66835 totaling \$719,471.26.

Inservice bills total: \$ 0

SPED Arrears:0

TECH Arrears: High Plains \$197.50, Scotus \$300

Check #	Amount	Vendor	Description
66714	\$15,766.21	Boone Central Schools	Title 1 Reimbursement
66723	\$40,463.16	Central City Public Schools	Title 1 Reimbursement
66730	\$8,652.33	Cross County School	Title 1 Reimbursement
66734	\$20,932.66	Eakes Office Solutions	Copier Maintenance/PD desk
66739	\$6,962.12	ESU 2	NNNC 2nd Quarter
66746	\$10,198.00	High Plains Community Schools	Title 1 Reimbursement
66750	\$13,176.56	Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools	Title 1 Reimbursement
66761	\$46,476.18	Lakeview Community Schools	Title 1 Reimbursement
66776	\$5,238.56	MNJ Technologies Direct	Telecom Equipment
66788	\$5,995.00	Roman, Wiemer & Assoc.	2016-17 Audit
66803	\$9,720.00	Weidenhammer	Alio accounting software maintenance
66833	\$5,267.26	Stuthman Enterprises, LLC	Amanda Stuthman Speech Services

This is a consent item.

5.4 Special Education Classified New Hires - Two Paraprofessionals

Ashley Starostka

Ashley will be a paraprofessional in our Cen7ter. She has completed a Bachelor’s of Science in Criminal Justice at UNO. She has a number of experiences in working with students with disabilities. Past experiences are Omni Behavioral Health, Integrated Care Coordinator with Region 4 and Child and Family Services Specialist. While in college, she worked at Mosaic for 3 years. She has an extensive history working with at risk youth and youth with developmental disabilities.

Cameron Jakub

Cameron will be a paraprofessional in our Cen7ter. He has completed 48 hours of education at

UNL. His future goals are to become a physical therapist. He is continuing his college education at Columbus Community College at this time. Cameron shared that he has always had a special connection with student that have special needs.

This is a consent item.

6 **Action Items**

Consent Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Joyce Baumert and a second by Doug Pauley.

- Jennifer Miller: Absent
 - Richard Stephens: Absent
 - Joyce Baumert: Yea
 - Marni Danhauer: Yea
 - Donald Ellison: Yea
 - Terry Fusco: Yea
 - Dan Hoesly: Yea
 - Doug Kluth: Yea
 - Richard Luebbe: Yea
 - Doug Pauley: Yea
 - Gary Wieseler: Yea
 - Jack Young: Yea
- Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.1 Annual NASB Membership Dues of \$735

Annual Membership Dues for NASB Fiscal Year 4/1/2018 to 3/31/2019 are \$735.00 if paid by 4/1/18, otherwise they are \$750.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve payment of annual NASB Membership Dues for 2018-2019.

Payment of Annual NASB Membership Dues for 2018-2019 Passed with a motion by Jack Young and a second by Joyce Baumert.

- Jennifer Miller: Absent
- Richard Stephens: Absent
- Doug Kluth: Nay
- Joyce Baumert: Yea
- Marni Danhauer: Yea
- Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 1, Absent: 2

Moving forward, this will become a consent item per Board Member request.

6.2 Annual SPARQ Meeting Dues of \$1,500

Annual Dues for SPARQ Meetings Fiscal Year 4/1/2018 to 3/31/2019 are \$1,500.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve payment of annual SPARQ Meeting Dues for 2018-2019.

Payment of annual SPARQ Meeting Dues for 2018-2019 Passed with a motion by Terry Fusco and a second by Doug Pauley.

Jennifer Miller: Absent
Richard Stephens: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Moving forward, this will become a consent item per Board Member request.

6.3 Negotiation Committee Update

The Board Negotiations Committee will provide reports regarding directors, classified staff and grant facilitators.

Setting the base salary at \$12.50 an hour for Paraprofessionals and \$13.50 an hour for High

Needs Paraprofessionals with a the total package increase of 8.63% for Paraprofessionals in Special Education Passed with a motion by Doug Kluth and a second by Terry Fusco.

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Richard Stephens: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Doug Kluth: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Classified staff total package increase of 3.5% Passed with a motion by Doug Kluth and a second by Richard Luebbe.

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Richard Stephens: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Doug Kluth: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Grants Staff total package increase of 3.5% Passed with a motion by Doug Kluth and a second by Doug Pauley.

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Richard Stephens: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Doug Kluth: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Next month, the Negotiations Committee will make recommendations for the Leadership Team and Director's compensation.

6.4 Reading of Article I, Section 5, (A-D); Section 6, (A-D); Section 7, (A-B)

Administrator Polk will demonstrate use of the new Policy Manual located on the ESU 7 Website.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Article I, Section 5, (A-D); Section 6, (A-D); Section 7, (A-B) as presented

Article I, Section 5, (A-D); Section 6, (A-D); Section 7, (A-B) as presented Passed with a motion by Terry Fusco and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Jennifer Miller: Absent
Richard Stephens: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Marni Danhauer: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Terry Fusco: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Doug Kluth: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.5 2016-2017 Audit Report

Romans, Wiemer & Associates, CPAs, completed an audit of ESU 7's fiscal year ending on August, 31, 2017 and submitted their findings to the State Auditor's Office and the Commissioner of Education.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the 2016-2017 Audit as presented.

2016-2017 Audit Report as presented Passed with a motion by Doug Pauley and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Richard Stephens: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Doug Kluth: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.6 ESU 7 2019-2020 General Calendar

Recommendation: Discuss, Consider and take any necessary action to approve the ESU 7 2019-2020 General Calendar as presented.

ESU 7 2019-2020 General Calendar as presented Passed with a motion by Dan Hoesly and a second by Jack Young.

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Richard Stephens: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Terry Fusco: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Doug Kluth: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7 Discussion Items

7.1 AdvancED Visit Update

The AdvancED Visit is scheduled for March 25-28, 2018. Administrator Polk will review the agenda for the visit as well as the details requiring Board Member attention and attendance.

Please see the attached Powerpoint for more information.

Administrator Polk reviewed the timeline and updates for the AdvancED Visit scheduled for March 25-28, 2018. She provided information to members of the Board on opportunities for their participation.

7.2 Educational Behavioral Health Program Updates

Monthly updates to the Board regarding the status of the Educational Behavioral Health Program will be provided during this item.

This month's update will include: Feasibility Study update and general discussion.

Special Education Director Mettler gave an overview of the progress to date in completing the feasibility study. He gave an updated overview of the timeline. Director Mettler also gave an overview of the potential passing of LB998 which would allow for a social worker for each ESU across the state to use as deemed necessary for programming with a three year privately funded initiative. Additionally, he shared some information with the Board about a potential partnership with the health community in Columbus.

7.3 Board Visit Reports

Board Members Marni Danhauer and Gary Wieseler will give an overview of their visits with Clarkson and High Plains Boards of Education.

This marks the conclusion of the 2017-2018 Board of Education Visits.

Marni Danhauer and Gary Wieseler each gave an overview of their visits to High Plains and Clarkson Public Schools. Both visits were pleasant and reflected gratitude toward ESU 7 and our work with schools.

7.4 Administrator's Report

ESUCC Update

Legislative Update - Attached for your Review

Administrator's Goals - Attached for your Review

Mark your calendar for the 2018 Board Recognition Dinner: April 16, 2018

ESUCC Update - Began the ESUCC Re-design process to improve statewide impact.

Legislative Update - Administrator Polk gave an overview of the 2018 Legislative Session Update, attached, to the Board which highlighted bills to watch and potentially be concerned with.

Administrator's Goals - Attached for your Review

Mark your calendar for the 2018 Board Recognition Dinner: April 16, 2018

Administrator Polk shared information regarding Schuyler and their priority status within the state.

8 Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:38pm.

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