



## **Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

Educational Service Unit 7, Oak Room

2657 44th Ave

Columbus, NE 68601-8537

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Posted Locations:

Columbus Telegram Newspaper

Columbus Telegram Website

ESU 7 North Building Front Door

Posted Date: 10/10/2022

Attendance Taken at 5:31 PM.

Bob Arp: Present

Joyce Baumert: Present

Marni Danhauer: Present

Donald Ellison: Present

Dan Hoesly: Present

Dawn Lindsley: Present

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Doug Pauley: Present

Richard Stephens: Present

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 Education of Educational Service Unit 7. 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 Education of Educational Service Unit 7 were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

Roll call was taken at 5:31pm

Board President conducted the meeting.

Staff present:

Larriane Polk, Administrator

Linda Shefcyk, Business Manager

Mindy Reed, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Marci Ostmeyer, Professional Development Director

Tami Clay, Special Education Director

Dan Ellsworth, Network Operations Director

#### 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

#### 1.3. Absent Board Members

Board Secretary Jennifer Miller will be absent for the board meeting. She notified the Administrator prior to the meeting.

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

Approval of Board Member absences as presented Passed with a motion by Bob Arp and a second by Jack Young.

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Dawn Lindsley: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Board Secretary Jennifer Miller was absent for the board meeting. She notified the Administrator prior to the board meeting. Board member Richard Luebbe was absent for the board meeting without prior notification.

1.4. Pledge of Allegiance All members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. 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 Richard Stephens and a second by Donald Ellison.

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Dawn Lindsley: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

3. Virtual Conferencing Option Nebraska Revised Statute § 84-1411 authorizes virtual meetings for educational service units if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) are met. The board will determine if next month's board meeting should allow for a virtual conferencing option.

**Recommendation:** Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the virtual conferencing option for the \_\_\_\_\_ board meeting. The November board meeting will not have a virtual conferencing option.

4. Welcome Visitors No visitors present.

5. 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 complete the Request to be Heard Document prior to the start of 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. No public comments provided.

## 6. **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)
- Presentation of the bills
- Policy review with no recommended changes
- Other routine agenda items

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

Consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Bob Arp and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Dawn Lindsley: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

### 6.1. Minutes

**This is a consent item.**

6.2. Excess Lodging and Meals Excess Lodging and Meals: The Admin Department has one travel excess while attending the 2022 AESA Educators' Call to action Conference in Washington DC.

Larianne Polk - \$133.14

**This is a consent item.**

6.3. Presentation of Bills #74910 through #75100 totaling \$932,706.50

6.4. The summary of bills for the current month total:\$932,706.50 - Bills #74910 through #75100

6.5. Inservice bills total: \$0

6.6.	6.7. Amount	6.8. Vendor	6.9. Description
6.10. 749 29	6.11. \$8,880.2 5	6.12. Central NE Rehab Services	6.13. SPED SLP services
6.14. 749 41	6.15. \$10,817. 00	6.16. Daktech Computers	6.17. Tech school flow through
6.18. 749 42	6.19. \$9,000.0 0	6.20. David Lorden	6.21. Title II Consultant
6.22. 749 54	6.23. \$6,499.0 0	6.24. ESU 16	6.25. DL zoom licences
6.26. 749 70	6.27. \$20,459. 16	6.28. Holiday Inn Kearney	6.29. CCLC Conference Venue
6.30. 749 74	6.31. \$18,150. 00	6.32. Imagine Learning	6.33. Title III Software
6.34. 750 03	6.35. \$12,800. 00	6.36. Marzan o Resources LLC	6.37. Title II Consultant
6.38. 750 23	6.39. \$7,205.0 0	6.40. Reliant IT Solutions	6.41. Technolog y consultant for High Plains
6.42. 750 33	6.43. \$9,525.2 0	6.44. State of NE - Dept. of Admin.	6.45. Network Service Charges

**This is a consent item.**

6.46. Reading of Article I, Section 2, C Chief Administrator Evaluation

**This is a consent item.**

6.47. Reading of Article II, Section 9, A Open Meetings Act Poster

**This is a consent item.**

6.48. Reading of Article II, Section 9, B Attend

**This is a consent item.**

6.49. Reading of Article II, Section 9, C Hear

**This is a consent item.**

6.50. Reading of Article II, Section 9, D Record

**This is a consent item.**

7. Board Spotlight - Learning Academy

Student Services Principal Cara Neesen will provide the Board Spotlight on the Learning Academy.

Cara Neesen, Student Services Principal for the Cen7ter and Learning Academy, reviewed the attached presentation.

- Questions asked by the board members:
  - Are hours the same as regular school hours? School hours are 9:30am-2:30pm.
  - How successful is the program once the student transfers out? Wants to work on the transition plan with the adults and how to support the school district. There has been one student who transferred back and this student transferred successfully.
  - When the student comes to the Learning Academy, before transitioning, what correspondence goes to their home district? If there is a significant incident, the school district is notified by the end of the school day. The goal is to have communication with the school weekly. It is required bi-weekly.
  - What is your male/female ratio? There are currently 21 students, four of them female.
  - What are the criteria to qualify for the program? Principal Neesen described the process for admission.
  - Are you worried about reaching the max number of students with the staff you currently have? It is difficult to put a number on it because every student has different needs. There is a weighted rubric score sheet utilized during the application to assist in determining viability of placement.

8. Treasurer's Report

**Review the breakdown of the Treasurer's Report**

9. Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Passed with a motion by Gary Wieseler and a second by Joyce Baumert.

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| 10. Richard Luebbe:  | 11. Absent |
| 12. Jennifer Miller: | 13. Absent |
| 14. Bob Arp:         | 15. Yea    |
| 16. Joyce Baumert:   | 17. Yea    |
| 18. Marni Danhauer:  | 19. Yea    |
| 20. Donald Ellison:  | 21. Yea    |

22. Dan Hoesly: 23. Yea  
24. Dawn Lindsley: 25. Yea  
26. Doug Pauley: 27. Yea  
28. Richard Stephens: 29. Yea  
30. Gary Wieseler: 31. Yea  
32. Jack Young: 33. Yea  
Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

34. Nebraska Association of School Boards Ballot for Region Director #16

Two individuals within ESU 7 area have been nominated for NASB Region 16 Board. President Pauley will submit the ballot representing ESU 7.

35. **Administrator's Report General**

- ESUCC Update
  - AESA Regional Presentation
- Professional Development Report - Director Ostmeyer
  - External Visits - Visits will be March 28-30, 2023. Continuous Improvement Team Chair Director Ostmeyer will provide an update.
- Special Education Report - Director Clay
- Technology Report - Director Ellsworth
- Upcoming Events
  - NASB State Education Conference, Nov 16-18, 2022
  - AESA Annual Conference, Nov 29-Dec 2, 2022

ESUCC Update - Administrator Polk reviewed the attached AESA Regional Presentation. There were six states represented at the AESA Central Region Symposium. Administrator Polk found the symposium beneficial to leadership at ESU 7. Continued attendance is recommended.

Professional Development Report - Director Ostmeyer updated the board regarding the flurry of activity surrounding the grants. The Grant Coordinators and Bookkeeper Carolyn Koch submitted the grants. The Accreditation Core Team, which consists of Director Ostmeyer, Resource Coach Amy Mazankowski, and MEP Coordinator Cynthia Alarcon, continues to meet to get prepared for the on-site visit.

Special Education Report - Director Clay notified the board that October is the busiest time for Special Education with Financial Financials and IDEA both being due. There are great new additions to the Special Education Department, Student Principal Cara Neesen and Bookkeeper Susan Olmer.

Tech Report - Director Ellsworth and the Tech Department have been busy as well. In August, Director Ellsworth presented to the Superintendents the Help Desk tickets. Tech created another position to handle the Tier 2 tickets.

### 35.1. Goal Update

Goals - Attached for your Review

- Goal 1:
  - Reminder: The June 2023 Board Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 4:30pm - Can we change to 4:00pm?
- Goal 3:
  - School District Board Meetings Completed:
    - David City - 10/10/2022
    - Osceola - 10/10/2022
    - East Butler - 10/12/2022
  - School District Board Meeting confirmed in November:
    - Boone Central - November 14th at 7:30pm. Board Member Richard Stephens and Administrator Polk to attend.

Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action to move the June 2023 board meeting from Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 4:30pm to Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 4:00pm Passed with a motion by Doug Pauley and a second by Jack Young.

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Dawn Lindsley: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Handbook approvals will be moved to May 2023 and not June due to the NASB event following the June board meeting.

Goal 2 - Next month, there will be a graphic for the board to show where everyone is at with the two professional learning events goal.

Goal 3 - Board members and Directors have been to three school district board meetings; David City, Osceola, and East Butler.

### 35.2. Facilities Update

- Learning Academy - In June 2022, a motion was passed to install a sink, countertop, cabinet and dishwasher in the behavioral health center locker room area in the Learning Academy.

Discuss, consider, and take any steps necessary to increase the approval of the kitchen remodel for the Learning Academy to the attached proposal, in the amount of \$31,766. Passed with a motion by Gary Wieseler and a second by Richard Stephens.

Richard Luebbe: Absent  
Jennifer Miller: Absent  
Bob Arp: Yea  
Joyce Baumert: Yea  
Marni Danhauer: Yea  
Donald Ellison: Yea  
Dan Hoesly: Yea  
Dawn Lindsley: Yea  
Doug Pauley: Yea  
Richard Stephens: Yea  
Gary Wieseler: Yea  
Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Director Tami Clay reviewed the attached proposal and explained the options included in the proposal. The bid is good for 30 days from September 26, 2022.

### 35.3. Personnel

#### New Hires:

- James Lee - High Plains District Technology Coordinator. Started October 6, 2022.
- Adilene Perez - Migrant Education Recruiter. Started October 10, 2022.

#### Retirement:

- Nancy Smith - Production Personnel submitted her retirement. Last day will be January 10, 2023.

#### Resignations:

- Tyler Schrant - District Technology Coordinator. Last day was October 7, 2022.

Administrator Polk reviewed the personnel section.

35.4. Legislative Update During this item, the Administrator will provide a Legislative Update to members of the Board. Administrator Polk notified the board there is going to be a legislative kick off. Administrator Polk attended a question and answer forum earlier in the day which NASB was facilitating regarding gubernatorial candidates. The Q&A was around educator shortage, school funding, thoughts on underfunded mandates, student achievements, local control. This is a long session in the legislature, going until June. There is estimated to have approximately 800-900 bills to come out this year. There will be regular legislative updates to the Board starting in January.

### 36. **Committee Reports**

36.1. Administrator Evaluation Committee Report A report of activities from the Administrator Evaluation Committee will be given during this item. Administrator Evaluation Committee: Marni Danhauer, Dawn Lindsley, Donald Ellison, and Joyce Baumert.

Evaluation Timeline:

- **August:** Evaluation Committee to meet in September to go through comments and create a summary. Larianne will meet with the Evaluation Committee chair.
- **September:** Full Board is provided a copy of the Administrator Evaluation
- **October:** Administrator sends digital evaluation and evaluation resources to the Evaluation Committee Chair in the first week of October. The chair then forwards on to full Board for completion by October Board Meeting. Administrator completes Evaluation Tool as self-assessment and sends to Evaluation Committee on or before October 31.
- **November:** Committee Chair will send the completed Administrator self-assessment to full Board after November 1. Evaluation Committee compiles results of full Board completed evaluations prior to the November Board Meeting.
- **December:** Evaluation Committee meets prior to December Board Meeting to review with Administrator the results of evaluation. Report to full Board in December Board Meeting following Closed Session requirements with Administrator present.
- **January:** Confirm Evaluation Committee members. Administrator provides Evaluation Committee with goals and shares with Board at January Board Meeting.

36.2. Negotiations Committee Report Reports of activities and discussions from the Negotiations Committee will take place during this item. Negotiations Committee member Richard Stephens provided an update to the board. The Negotiations Committee met and reviewed information approved last year.

### 37. Conference Report

- AESA Educators' Call to Action
- NASB Labor Relations Conference
- AESA Central Region Symposium

AESA Educator's Call to Action - Senators appreciated the information for the Nebraska ESUs.

NASB Labor Relations Conference - Administrator Polk, Business Manager Linda Shefcyk, and Board Secretary Jennifer Miller attended the Labor Relations conference. Director Clay attended to learn additional information on negotiations.

### 38. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mindy Reed, Recording Secretary to the ESU 7 Board.

# NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

**84-1407. Act, how cited.** Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

**84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

**84-1409. Terms, defined.** For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders, and (iii) the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

**84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.**

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as: (a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; (b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; (e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or (f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length. Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

**84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual conferencing authorized; requirements; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.**

(1)(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public. (b) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website. (ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published by: (A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website; or (B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city or village. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting. (iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public

body.(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee. (d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes. (e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section are met: (i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity; (ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act; (iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (v) An educational service unit; (vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council; (vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; (viii) A community college board of governors; (ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee; (x) A local public health department; (xi) A metropolitan utilities district; (xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and (xiii) A natural resources district. (b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows: (i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference; (ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used; (iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and (iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the organization may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing. The governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by virtual conferencing.

(3) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body. (b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings. (c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section 84-1413. (8) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (2)(a) of this section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if: (a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body; (b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and (c) The public body complies with subdivisions (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) of this section.

**84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.**

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each

meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if: (a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction; (b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience; (c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance; (d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state; (e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and (f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

**84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when; agenda and minutes; required on website; when.**

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written or kept as an electronic record and shall be available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing or keeping the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public website the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the website at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public website for at least six months.

**84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.**

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

**84-1415. Open Meetings Act; requirements; waiver; validity of action.** No motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting as defined in section 84-1409 of a public body as defined in such section shall be invalidated because such motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action was made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting or meetings on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before April 30, 2021, pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order which waived certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

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## **Tax Asking/Final Levy**

ESU 7 Oak Room

2657 44th Ave

Columbus, NE 68601-8537

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Directly following the Budget Hearing

Posted Locations:

- Columbus Telegram Newspaper
  - Columbus Telegram Website
- ESU 7 North Building Front Door

Posted Date: 09/08/2022

Attendance Taken at 5:27 PM.

Bob Arp: Present

Joyce Baumert: Present

Marni Danhauer: Present

Donald Ellison: Absent

Dan Hoesly: Present

Dawn Lindsley: Absent

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Doug Pauley: Absent

Richard Stephens: Present

Gary Wieseler: Present

Jack Young: Present

Present: 7, Absent: 5.

### **1. Call the Meeting to Order**

## LEADERSHIP • SERVICE • SUPPORT

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](http://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 Education of Educational Service Unit 7. 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 Education of Educational Service Unit 7 were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

Roll call was taken at 5:27pm.  
Board Vice President conducted the meeting.

Staff present:

Larianne Polk, Administrator  
Linda Shefcyk, Business Manager  
Mindy Reed, Secretary to the Board of Directors  
Marci Ostmeyer, Professional Development Director  
Tami Clay, Special Education Director

### 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

2. Tax Asking Hearing/Setting Final Levy  
Administrator Polk reviewed the information in the attached 2022-2023 Final Tax Asking Hearing document.
3. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mindy Reed, Recording Secretary to the ESU 7 Board.



## **ESU 7 Budget Hearing**

ESU 7 Oak Room

2657 44th Ave

Columbus, NE 68601-8537

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 5:15 PM

Posted Locations:

- Columbus Telegram Newspaper
  - Columbus Telegram Website
- ESU 7 North Building Front Door

Posted Date: 09/08/2022

Attendance Taken at 5:15 PM.

Bob Arp:	Present
Joyce Baumert:	Present
Marni Danhauer:	Present
Donald Ellison:	Absent
Dan Hoesly:	Present
Dawn Lindsley:	Absent
Richard Luebbe:	Absent
Jennifer Miller:	Absent
Doug Pauley:	Absent
Richard Stephens:	Present
Gary Wieseler:	Present
Jack Young:	Present

Present: 7, Absent: 5.

### **1. Call the Meeting to Order**

## LEADERSHIP • SERVICE • SUPPORT

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Roll call was taken at 5:15pm  
Board Vice President conducted the meeting.

Staff present:

Larianne Polk, Administrator  
Linda Shefcyk, Business Manager  
Mindy Reed, Secretary to the Board of Directors  
Marc Ostmeyer, Professional Development Director  
Tami Clay, Special Education Director

### 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

## 2. Budget hearing

Administrator Polk reviewed the information in the attached 2022-2023 Budget Hearing and Budget Summary document. An explanation was provided regarding an increase in the Special Education budget.

## 3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mindy Reed, Recording Secretary to the ESU 7 Board.



## **Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

Educational Service Unit 7, Oak Room

2657 44th Ave

Columbus, NE 68601-8537

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Directly following the Tax Asking/Final Levy

Posted Locations:

- Columbus Telegram Newspaper
  - Columbus Telegram Website
- ESU 7 North Building Front Door

Posted Date: 09/08/2022

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Bob Arp: Present

Joyce Baumert: Present

Marni Danhauer: Present

Donald Ellison: Absent

Dan Hoesly: Present

Dawn Lindsley: Absent

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Doug Pauley: Absent

Richard Stephens: Present

Gary Wieseler: Present

Jack Young: Present

Present: 7, Absent: 5.

### **1. Call the Meeting to Order**

## LEADERSHIP • SERVICE • SUPPORT

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Roll call was taken at 5:30pm.  
Board Vice President conducted the meeting.

Staff present:

Larianne Polk, Administrator  
Linda Shefcyk, Business Manager  
Mindy Reed, Secretary to the Board of Directors  
Marci Ostmeyer, Professional Development Director  
Tami Clay, Special Education Director

### 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

### 1.3. Absent Board Members

Board President Doug Pauley, Board Secretary Jennifer Miller, Board Member Dawn Lindsley, and Board Member Richard Luebbe will be absent and notified the Administrator prior to the meeting.

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

Approval of Board Member absences as presented Passed with a motion by Bob Arp and a second by Gary Wieseler.

Donald Ellison:	Absent
Dawn Lindsley:	Absent
Richard Luebbe:	Absent
Jennifer Miller:	Absent
Doug Pauley:	Absent

Bob Arp: Yea  
Joyce Baumert: Yea  
Marni Danhauer: Yea  
Dan Hoesly: Yea  
Richard Stephens: Yea  
Gary Wieseler: Yea  
Jack Young: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 5

Board President Doug Pauley, Board Secretary Jennifer Miller, Board Member Dawn Lindsley, and Board Member Richard Luebbe were absent and notified the Administrator prior to the meeting. Board Member Donald Ellison was absent.

1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

All members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. 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 Joyce Baumert.

Donald Ellison: Absent  
Dawn Lindsley: Absent  
Richard Luebbe: Absent  
Jennifer Miller: Absent  
Doug Pauley: Absent  
Bob Arp: Yea  
Joyce Baumert: Yea  
Marni Danhauer: Yea  
Dan Hoesly: Yea  
Richard Stephens: Yea  
Gary Wieseler: Yea  
Jack Young: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 5

3. Virtual Conferencing Option

Nebraska Revised Statute § 84-1411 authorizes virtual meetings for educational service units if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) are met. The board will determine if next month's board meeting should allow for a virtual conferencing option.

Administrator Polk notified the board this agenda item will be added as a standing

information item unless acted upon. According to Board Policy II, 2, A, virtual conferencing meetings must be acted upon the month prior to the board meeting in which the virtual conference will occur. ESU 7 Board may not exceed five virtual conferencing meetings in a year, per policy II,8,A.

4. Welcome Visitors  
No visitors present.

5. 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 complete the Request to be Heard Document prior to the start of 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.

No public comments provided.

6. **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)
- Presentation of the bills
- Policy review with no recommended changes
- Other routine agenda items

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

Consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Bob Arp and a second by Richard Stephens.

Donald Ellison:	Absent
Dawn Lindsley:	Absent
Richard Luebbe:	Absent
Jennifer Miller:	Absent
Doug Pauley:	Absent
Bob Arp:	Yea
Joyce Baumert:	Yea
Marni Danhauer:	Yea
Dan Hoesly:	Yea
Richard Stephens:	Yea

Gary Wieseler:     Yea  
 Jack Young:        Yea  
 Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 5

6.1. Minutes

**This is a consent item.**

6.2. Presentation of Bills #74728 through #74909 totaling \$1,071,965.56

The summary of bills for the current month total:\$1,071,965.56 - Bills #74728 through #74909

Inservice bills total: \$0

	Amount	Vendor	Description
74728	\$65,000.00	Central Nebraska Auto Sales	Ford Transit 10 passenger van
74733	\$20,548.32	Amazon	Migrant/Tech/SPED/Grants supplies
74745	\$12,061.16	Capital One	Tech, Grants travel and supplies
74746	\$15,249.43	Capital One	SPED/Grants travel and supplies
74757	\$12,798.00	Daktech Computers	Tech school flow through
74759	\$29,500.00	DJ Motor Company	Chrysler Voyager
74798	\$5,100.00	KSB School Law	Webinar Trainings
74801	\$7,200.00	Lastpass US LP	Software licenses
74809	\$8,000.00	Marzano Resources	Title II Consultant
74814	\$54,683.00	NASB ALICAP	Property/Liability/Worker's Comp Insurance
74826	\$10,705.95	Powerschool	Software for Powerschool Records and Evaluation
74831	\$8,662.50	Reliant IT Solutions	Technology consultant for High Plains

**This is a consent item.**

6.3. Reading of Article I, Section 5, E Negotiations

**This is a consent item.**

6.4. Reading of Article II, Section 6, D Notice to Board Members

**This is a consent item.**

6.5. Reading of Article II, Section 6, E Notice to Media

**This is a consent item.**

6.6. Reading of Article II, Section 7, A Agenda Construction

**This is a consent item.**

6.7. Reading of Article II, Section 7, B Agenda Availability

**This is a consent item.**

6.8. Reading of Article II, Section 8, A Personal Presence at Meetings and Telephone Conference or Videoconference Meetings

**This is a consent item.**

6.9. Reading of Article II, Section 8, B Quorum

**This is a consent item.**

7. Spotlight - Early Childhood

Lisa Duranski, Early Childhood Coordinator, reviewed the information on the attached document. Lisa Duranski noted the numbers for referrals are as high as they have ever been. The birth to three-year old referrals are assigned to a Service Coordinator through the Department of Health and Human Services. Director Tami Clay added the Early Childhood team at ESU 7 is highly respected in the state of Nebraska. Board Member Gary Wiesler asked from where a majority of the referrals come. Coordinator Duranski explained a majority of referrals come from doctor's offices however, parents are still the largest source of referrals. Board member Bob Arp asked what the two most common disabilities amongst the referrals are. Autism and speech language impairment seem to be the highest. Board member Bob Arp also asked how early a child can be diagnosed with speech language impairment. If the speech impairment is non-verbal, the diagnosis could be as early as 18 months but earlier should there be other medical conditions. After describing CAPTA, Administrator Polk asked Coordinator Duranski about CAPTA referrals.

8. Treasurer's Report

**Review the breakdown of the Treasurer's Report**

Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Passed with a motion by Gary Wieseler and a second by Dan Hoesly.

Donald Ellison: Absent

Dawn Lindsley: Absent

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Doug Pauley: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea  
Richard Stephens: Yea  
Gary Wieseler: Yea  
Jack Young: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 5

9. 2022-2023 Resolution for Tax Asking and Final Levy

Now be it therefore resolved that the Board of ESU 7 has a tax request of \$2,750,201.46 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and the final levy of the Board of ESU 7 should be, and hereby is set at .015 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

**Recommendation:** Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the 2022-2023 Tax Asking and Final Levy Resolution as presented.

Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the 2022-2023 Tax Asking and Final Levy Resolution as presented Passed with a motion by Dan Hoesly and a second by Bob Arp.

Donald Ellison: Absent  
Dawn Lindsley: Absent  
Richard Luebbe: Absent  
Jennifer Miller: Absent  
Doug Pauley: Absent  
Bob Arp: Yea  
Joyce Baumert: Yea  
Marni Danhauer: Yea  
Dan Hoesly: Yea  
Richard Stephens: Yea  
Gary Wieseler: Yea  
Jack Young: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 5

10. Approval of the 2022-2023 Budget

**Recommendation:** Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented.

Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the 2022-2023 Budget as presented Passed with a motion by Bob Arp and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Donald Ellison: Absent  
Dawn Lindsley: Absent  
Richard Luebbe: Absent  
Jennifer Miller: Absent  
Doug Pauley: Absent  
Bob Arp: Yea  
Joyce Baumert: Yea  
Marni Danhauer: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea  
Richard Stephens: Yea  
Gary Wieseler: Yea  
Jack Young: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 5

11. Representation at NESUBA and State Education Conference Delegate Assembly  
Selection of one Board Member to represent ESU 7 at the Delegate Assembly November 18, 2022 from 8:00am-9:30am.

Selection of one Board Member to represent ESU 7 at the Annual NESUBA business meeting.

Instead of a formal NESUBA meeting, there will be a breakout session on Thursday November 17, at 2:15pm called ESU Board Member Update. Any board member attending the conference was encouraged to attend the breakout session.

Board President Doug Pauley was nominated to be the member to represent ESU 7 at the Delegate Assembly.

12. **Administrator's Report General**

- ESUCC Update
- Professional Development Report - Director Ostmeyer
- Special Education Report - Director Clay
- Technology Report - Director Ellsworth
- Upcoming Events
  - NASB State Education Conference, November 16-18 at the CHI Health Conference Center (agenda attached)

ESUCC Update - Administrator Polk reviewed the attached ESUCC 4 Bold Steps document.

Director Reports

- Director Marci Ostmeyer Report:

- Professional Development started a partnership with ESU 2 to help support the ESU 7 preschool teachers. Director Ostmeyer introduced the partnership to the Superintendents on September 1, 2022 and so far nine Superintendents have said yes to have this person come support their preschool teachers.
- Approximately two weeks ago, nine principals, Marci Ostmeyer, and Brooke Kavan went to Kearney to work on the new process.

- Director Tami Clay Report:

- All but one Special Education position has been filled. The position is currently being filled with a long-term substitute as allowed by NDE.

- A third teacher has been added to the Learning Academy. There are currently 17 students at the Cen7ter and 22 students at the Learning Academy with three in the application process. Director Clay believes there may be a waiting list by the end of the year.

- Administrator Polk provided an update to the board for the Technology Department.

- There is one vacancy in the Tech Department. There are interviews scheduled for this position next week.
- ESU 7 is looking to expand the Tech Department by one additional employee. The new position will need to be filled with a Level II staff member.

Upcoming events - The registration for the NASB State Education Conference is open. The sign-up sheet has been given to all board members. Please fill it out and give it to the Secretary to the Board Mindy Reed.

#### 12.1. Goal Update

Goals - Attached for your Review

- Goal 1:
  - NASB Event scheduled for June 20, 2023. Should board meeting be moved?
- Goal 2:
  - Two board members have attended two professional events this year.
- Goal 3:
  - East Butler Board Meeting (Confirmed) - October 12, 2022 at 6:30pm
    - Dawn Lindsley and Dan Ellsworth
  - Osceola Board Meeting (Confirmed) - October 10, 2022 at 6:05pm
    - Donald Ellison and Marci Ostmeyer
  - David City Board Meeting (Confirmed) - October 10, 2022 at 7:00pm
    - Dan Hoesly **OR** Doug Pauley **OR** Donald Ellison **OR** Dawn Lindsley and Tami Clay

Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action to move the June 2023 board meeting from Monday, June 19, 2023 to Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 4:30pm. Passed with a motion by Bob Arp and a second by Gary Wieseler.

Donald Ellison:	Absent
Dawn Lindsley:	Absent
Richard Luebbe:	Absent
Jennifer Miller:	Absent
Doug Pauley:	Absent
Bob Arp:	Yea
Joyce Baumert:	Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea  
Dan Hoesly: Yea  
Richard Stephens: Yea  
Gary Wieseler: Yea  
Jack Young: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 5

Goal 1 - Board learning for all ESU schools. That has been scheduled for June 20, 2023. The 20th is a Tuesday. It was acted upon that the board meeting on June 19, 2023 will move to June 20, 2023 at 4:30pm to accommodate the NASB Board Learning.

Goal 2 - Board members Richard Stephens and Donald Ellison received awards for level eight out of nine levels.

Goal 3 - There have been three confirmed school district board visits. Board member Dan Hoesly will represent ESU 7 when attending the David City Board Meeting. The other David City representatives will not be present.

#### 12.2. Services Update

- SIMPL Update
- Quarterly Report
- External Visits - Visits will be March 28-30, 2023. Continuous Improvement Team Chair Director Ostmeyer will provide an update.

Items inside this item include visit updates, quarterly report, director reports, etc. Director Tami Clay and the ESU 7 Special Education department is part of a pilot program to involve Special Education data in SIMPL. It is the expectation for ESU 7 to be a leader in SIMPL in the state of Nebraska.

#### 12.3. Facilities Update

The Administrator will provide a facilities update during this item.

- Tarring
- Playground and focus group

Administrator Polk provided an update on the facilities projects.

- The kitchen work in the Learning Academy has not been started.
- Tarring in the parking lot is still ongoing.
- Regarding the playground, Administrator Polk has done a lot more research and, with the permission of the board, she would like to do a focus group to include a board member, school district staff, special education staff. Board member Bob Arp suggested a parent to be a part of the focus group.

Business Manager Linda Shefcyk put together a FEMA application and ESU 7 received approximately \$20,000.

13. **Committee Reports**

13.1. Budget Committee Report

Reports of Budget Committee activities and discussion will take place during this item.

Budget Committee chair Gary Weiseler provided an update on the Budget Committee. The September meeting was the final meeting of the year. The Budget Committee went through the final summary and numbers which were discussed at the budget hearing. Budget Committee chair Gary Wieseler would like to thank Board Treasurer Linda Shefcyk, Director Tami Clay, and Administrator Polk for their work on the budget process and committee.

13.2. **Negotiations Committee Report**

The first informal meeting between Negotiations Committee Chair Jennifer Miller, Brandy Rose, and Administrator Polk will take place September 19, 2022.

The first full Negotiations Committee Meeting will be October 17, 2022.

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The first full Negotiations Committee Meeting will be October 17, 2022.

13.2.1. Request to recognize ESUEA as exclusive bargaining agent for 2024-2025

The ESU 7 Education Association requests that the Board representing the Educational Service Unit 7 take action to recognize ESU 7 Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2024-2025 contract year.

**Recommendation:** Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action to recognize ESU 7 Education Association as exclusive bargaining agent for the non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2024-2025 contract year.

Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action to recognize ESU 7 Education Association as exclusive bargaining agent for the non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2024-2025 contract year Passed with a motion by Richard Stephens and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Donald Ellison: Absent

Dawn Lindsley: Absent

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Absent

Doug Pauley: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Marni Danhauer: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler:      Yea

Jack Young:         Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 5

### 13.3. Administrator Evaluation Committee Report

A report of activities from the Administrator Evaluation Committee will be given during this item. Administrator Evaluation Committee: Marni Danhauer, Dawn Lindsley, Donald Ellison, and Joyce Baumert.

Evaluation Timeline:

- **August:** Evaluation Committee to meet in September to go through comments and create a summary. Larianne will meet with the Evaluation Committee chair.
- **September:** Full Board is provided a copy of the Administrator Evaluation
- **October:** Administrator sends digital evaluation and evaluation resources to the Evaluation Committee Chair in the first week of October. The chair then forwards on to full Board for completion by October Board Meeting. Administrator completes Evaluation Tool as self-assessment and sends to Evaluation Committee on or before October 31.
- **November:** Committee Chair will send the completed Administrator self-assessment to full Board after November 1. Evaluation Committee compiles results of full Board completed evaluations prior to the November Board Meeting.
- **December:** Evaluation Committee meets prior to December Board Meeting to review with Administrator the results of evaluation. Report to full Board in December Board Meeting following Closed Session requirements with Administrator present.
- **January:** Confirm Evaluation Committee members. Administrator provides Evaluation Committee with goals and shares with Board at January Board Meeting. Administrator Evaluation Committee chair Marni Danhauer reviewed the evaluation timeline. The paper copy of the evaluation has been provided to each board member for reference. The electronic version will be sent out in October with attachments to include the job description of the Administrator, her contract, and the quarterly reports.

### 14. Conference Report

Conference Attendees will report on their learnings.

- Area Membership Meeting

Vice President Jack Young thought the Area Membership meeting in Fremont was a good meeting. Colby Coash talked about topics which may take place in the Unicameral regarding education.

Board member Gary Wiesler provided an update regarding his experience at the Area Membership Meeting. There are many bills expected to be presented as mandates to include a cap on spending for schools. Mandates about school curriculum, school safety, school choice, and parent involvement.

Board Member Joyce Baumert attended the Area Membership Meeting in York. She stated a lot of the bills presented are made by special interest groups. One of the bills presented by the boy scouts allows them to use public schools for their meetings. The School Board session presented by Marcia Herring was informative.

Board member Bob Arp added there is a real shortage of educators. The things schools are doing to attract and retain teachers are becoming more creative. There is a concern there may be a shortage of paraeducators.

Administrator Polk stated teachers stay because of the mentoring process. The City of Columbus is doing some innovative things with the summer internship programs to build relationships and a sense of community with the interns.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mindy Reed, Recording Secretary to the ESU 7 Board.

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## **Article I, Section 2, C Chief Administrator Evaluation**

The purpose of evaluating the administrator is not to micromanage the organization, but to provide oversight and public assurance that the policies are being effectively implemented. The evaluation process offers the board the avenue to strengthen communication with the administrator and is an ongoing process to enable the board the occasion to provide formal feedback for professional growth (Herring, p. 24).

The Board of the Educational Service Unit 7 will conduct an appraisal of the job performance of the Administrator according to applicable law. The ESU 7 Board will follow timelines and procedures set by the Board Evaluation Committee.

The evaluation form will include standards of performance in the following areas of:

- Relations with the Board
- Community Relationships
- Staff and Personnel Relationships
- Educational Leadership
- Business and Finance
- Professional/Personal Qualities
- Professional Growth

The Administrator will use the above standards to prepare a self-evaluation.

The Board may request input from school districts using Educational Service Unit 7 services and personnel regarding the responsiveness of the Administrator to the needs of the school district.

The Educational Service Unit 7 Board will include specific annual goals or target areas as part of the annual Administrator's evaluation. These written goals or target areas should be developed in collaboration with the Board, the Administrator, and/or Educational Service Unit 7 staff to improve the services provided.

The Board President or Evaluation Committee will develop a written summary of Board-submitted evaluations, including both the strengths and the growth opportunities of the Administrator, and place it in the Administrator's personnel file to be incorporated into the next cycle of evaluations.

Legal Reference:	
Date of Adoption:	February 17, 2003

Date(s) of Review and Revision:	May 21, 2012 October 15, 2012 June 20, 2016 December 16, 2019 December 21, 2020 October 18, 2021 October 17, 2022
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# Section 9 - Public Attendance and Participation

## Article II, Section 9, A Open Meetings Act Poster

At least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act shall be posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of each meeting the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information by announcement of the President.

Legal Reference:	§ 84-1412 (8)
Date of Adoption:	May 21, 2018
Date(s) of Review:	October 17, 2022

**Article II, Section 9, B Attend**

Members of the public shall be permitted to attend all Board meetings. Members of the public will not be required to identify themselves in order to be admitted to the meeting.

The Board may allow advisors, consultants, and other persons who are not participating as Board members to appear at the meeting via telephone or other similar means.

The President has the authority to ensure that all persons conduct themselves in an orderly manner at the meeting. Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of business will not be allowed. The President may order persons who are disorderly to be removed from the meeting.

Legal Reference:	§ 84-1411 (3) and (6) § 84-1412 (1) and (3)
Date of Adoption:	May 21, 2018
Date(s) of Review:	October 17, 2022

**Article II, Section 9, C Hear**

The Board shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at the meeting.

Legal Reference:	§ 84-1412 (7)
Date of Adoption:	May 21, 2018
Date(s) of Review:	October 17, 2022

**Article II, Section 9, D Record**

Members of the public may use recording devices (audio recorder, video recorder, etc.) to record any part of a meeting of the Board, except for closed sessions.

The President shall control the placement of any recording device so the device does not obstruct the view of Board members or other members of the public attending the meeting and does not otherwise interfere with the meeting.

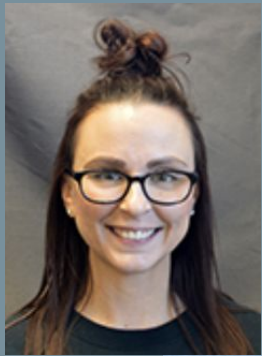
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# Learning Academy

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2022-2023  
Board Presentation

# Learning Academy Staff



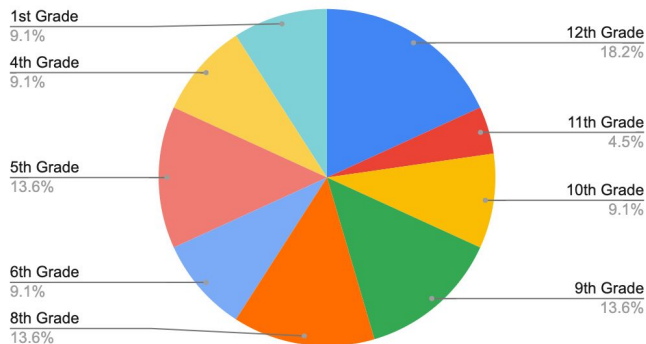
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# Learning Academy Enrollment Status

	Currently Enrolled	Coming - Needs IEP	Apps In-Progress	Inquiries
Boone Central	2			1
Clarkson				
Centennial				
Central City				
CPS	4		2	
Cross County	1			
David City	2			
High Plains	1			
Howells-Dodge	1			
Humphrey	1			
Twin River	3			1
LakeView	4			1
Leigh	1			1
Palmer	1			1
Osceola			1	
Schuyler				
<b>Current Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

Number of Students



# Our Facilities

Wholeness Room

Activity Center

Classrooms

LMHP Room

Dignity Rooms

Kitchen - Wish List

Playground - Wish List

LA Master Schedule				
	Classroom 1 (Brooke)	Classroom 2 (Lindy)	Classroom 3 (Anne)	Gym Schedule
9:20	Check-In	Check-In	Check-In	Check-In
9:30				
9:45	Morning Gathering	Morning Gathering	Morning Gathering	C7 Use
10:00	SEL	Academic Work	Academic Work	9:45-10:15
10:15				
10:30	Academic Work		PE	
10:45				
11:00		PE	Academic Work	IN
11:15				USE
11:30		Academic Work	Lunch	BY
11:45			11:30-11:55	LA
12:00	Lunch		Recess	
12:15	12:00-12:25			
12:30	Academic Work	Lunch	SEL	
12:45		12:30-12:55		
1:00	PE	SEL	Academic Work	
1:15			(Clubs)	
1:30	Academic Work	Academic Work		C7 Use
1:45	(Clubs)	(Clubs)		1:30-2:00
2:00	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	
2:15	and	and	and	Locker Room
2:30	Check Out	Check Out	Check Out	Dismissal
	* Once a week, SEL is a Community Circle in your classroom			

# Learning Academy's Core Values

**Gratitude**  
**Perseverance**  
**Engagement**  
**Integrity**  
**Responsibility**  
**Generosity**  
**Compassion**  
**Grace**  
**Vulnerability**

# Breaks Explained

<b>Today's Breaks</b>		
<b>Type of break</b> <small>(circle one)</small>	<b>Time Started</b>	<b>Time Ended</b>
<b>Scheduled / Requested</b> <b>Suggested / Required</b>		
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# Learning Academy's Level System

Level 5 - Off Card/Natural

Level 4 - Transition Planning

Level 3 - Special Privileges

Level 2 - Minor Special Privileges

Level 1 - Entry Level

Level 0 - Loss of All Privileges

September '22 Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance SEPTEMBER 1, 2022			\$92,679.63	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Property taxes		\$578,245.73		
SPED		\$25,765.00		
General/Flow Through		\$186,585.82		
Grants		\$386,913.00		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		\$1,177,509.55	\$1,177,509.55	
			\$1,270,189.18	
Transfer to Money Market			\$100,000.00	-
Total Funds Available			\$1,170,189.18	
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
General Fund		\$444,374.15		
SPED		\$369,280.61		
Grants		\$258,310.80		
<b>Total DISBURSEMENTS Check #74728 thru #74903</b>		\$1,070,953.56	\$1,070,953.56	-
<b>Ending balance, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022</b>			<b>\$99,235.62</b>	

Checking balance				\$99,235.62
Money Market Deposit Account at First National Bank				\$4,570,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at First National Bank				\$100,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at Bank of Clarks				\$100,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at Columbus Bank & Trust				\$100,000.00
Certificate of Deposit - Great Western Bank				\$200,000.00
Certificate of Deposit - First National Bank-Columbus				\$100,000.00

**TOTAL CASH ON HAND (includes the amounts below) \$5,269,235.62**

**CASH RESERVE \$1,332,482.04**  
**PROTECTED BUDGET AUTHORITY \$1,325,459.00**

<b>Funds that are due to ESU 7</b>				
Grants				(\$1,081,023.46)
Production/Art Media Accounts Receivable		(\$20,525.35)		
Network Support Accounts Receivable		(\$32,047.92)		
Misc. Flow thru Accounts Receivable		(\$21,559.30)		
Outstanding Receivables				(\$74,132.57)
<b>Total due to ESU 7</b>				<b>(\$1,155,156.03)</b>

	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23		
	Dollars Spent Per Month	Dollars Spent Per Month	Percentage spent each month	Percentage spent each month		
September	\$230,646.07	\$266,632.91	8.65%	9.70%	Total Budget	\$15,477,199.60
October	\$172,872.86	\$0.00	6.49%	0.00%	30% of budget	\$4,643,159.88
November	\$194,455.74	\$0.00	7.30%	0.00%	Earmarked set aside	\$6,241,201.00
December	\$197,903.14	\$0.00	7.43%	0.00%	Total budget spent to date	\$1,070,953.34
January	\$191,895.21	\$0.00	7.20%	0.00%		
February	\$202,922.77	\$0.00	7.61%	0.00%		
March	\$180,624.84	\$0.00	6.78%	0.00%		
April	\$193,733.45	\$0.00	7.27%	0.00%		
May	\$182,440.41	\$0.00	6.85%	0.00%		
June	\$239,775.60	\$0.00	9.00%	0.00%		
July	\$195,837.96	\$0.00	7.35%	0.00%		
August	\$219,972.94	\$0.00	8.25%	0.00%		
<b>Approved Total General Budget for Levy S</b>						
			\$2,664,964.08	\$2,750,201.46		
<b>Total Spent to date</b>						
			\$2,403,080.99	\$266,632.91		
Dollars approved from cash reserve						\$0.00

**NOTES**

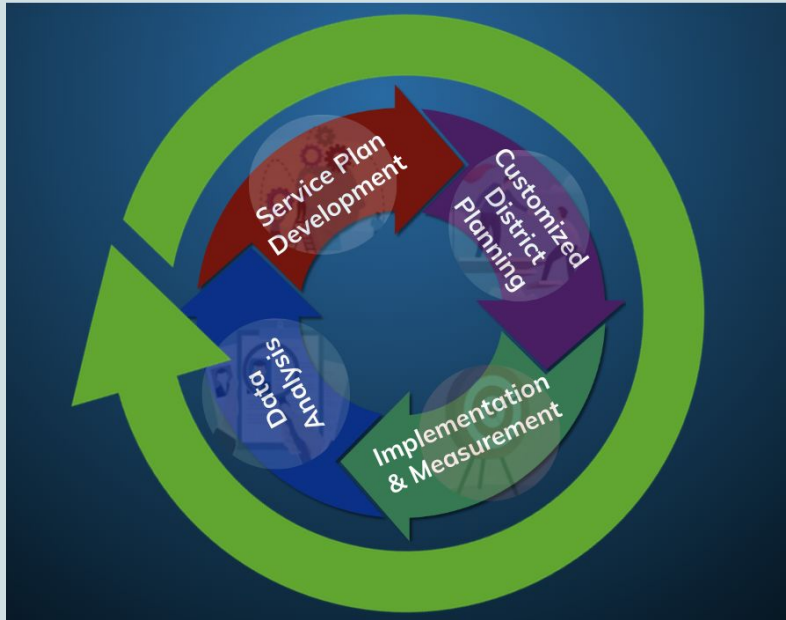
# **AESA Central Region**

October 12, 2022

# Bold Steps-Dr. Kraig Lofquist



# SIMPL-Dr. Larianne Polk



**SIMPL**  
Service Implementation Model Process and Log

SSO LOG IN | not logged on

HOME | SCHOOLS | ESUs | SERVICES | REPORTS | ABOUT

**219** SERVICES

**28,607** SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

**22,269** ESU HOURS

**\$6,485,445** DOLLARS SAVED THROUGH COOPERATIVE PURCHASING (2021 - 2022)

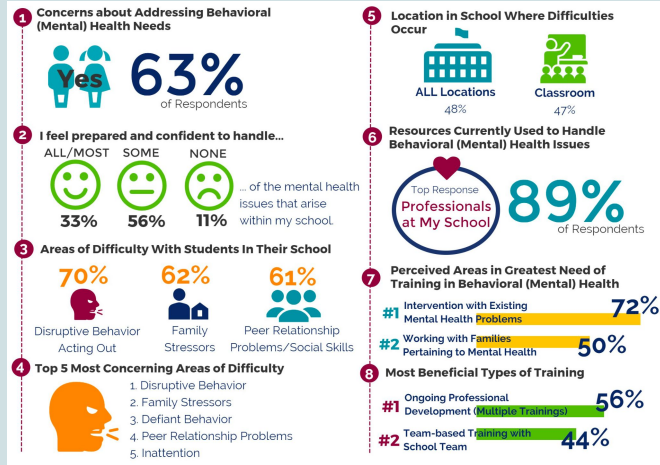
**AQuESTT**  
for Nebraska

Percentage of ESU service offerings from the master catalog supporting AQuESTT.

8%	8%	28%	12%	12%	16%	16%
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This visual represents how the ESU services align with AQuESTT Tenets.  
(see more real-time data about the AQuESTT implementation)

# School Mental Health-Dr. Dan Schooes



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**NEBRASKA SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE**  
Resiliency, Advocacy, and Celebration!

Wednesday, June 1st & Thursday, June 2nd, 2022  
Embassy Suites La Vista

EVENT DETAILS COMING SOON!  
VISIT [WWW.THEKIMFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.THEKIMFOUNDATION.ORG)

10 years ago: No ESUs had School Mental Health Programs. Today: all 17 ESUs!

One NE example: ESU #3 SAMHSA Grant with Region 6: \$4 million over 4 years.

According to CISA K-12 educational sites are the #1 target for malicious cyber actors

To combat this concern, the NCN was developed within the ESU community



Interlocal Agreement established goals, personnel, and financing

Including Safety & Security Issues

- Proof Point

- FortiEDR

- Auditing System in partnership with ESU Network Operators

- Assist Incident Responses, Forensics, Data Preservation and Authority Collaboration

# Early Childhood Initiatives-Dr. Laura Barrett





**CONCLUSION**

2022 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 16-18  
CHI HEALTH CENTER - DOWNTOWN OMAHA

# WORKING TOGETHER WINS

IGNITING TEAM SPIRIT



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THE NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS



# REGISTRATION & RESERVATIONS



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE WILL OPEN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

To register, go to [www.NASBOnline.org](http://www.NASBOnline.org)

Log in using your email and password, and click the 'Events' tab to register.

Registration fees for the conference are as follows:

REGISTER SEPTEMBER 13 THROUGH NOVEMBER 4	<b>\$300</b>	REGISTER NOVEMBER 5 THROUGH ON SITE	<b>\$350</b>
PRE-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	<b>\$75</b>	BOARD MEMBER ELECTS	<b>\$175</b>
CANCELLATION FEE (PRIOR TO 11/5)	<b>\$125</b>	<i>(No refunds after the registration deadline)</i>	

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

TO RESERVE ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE HOTELS YOU MUST FIRST REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

To qualify for a room, you must first register for the Conference.

Once your conference registration is complete, you will receive an email with your NASB Registration code and a Conference Hotel reservation link. The code will not be activated until 10:00 AM CT, Tuesday, September 27, 2022

SUBMIT YOUR CONFERENCE HOTEL ROOM REQUEST TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022.

THE OMAHA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU WILL ACT AS THE HOUSING AGENT FOR ALL PROPERTIES.

Hilton Omaha - 1001 Cass Street  
\$151 per night  
**ROOM REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 23, OR UNTIL FULL**

Omaha Marriott Downtown - 222 North 10th Street  
\$166 per night  
**ROOM REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 5, OR UNTIL FULL**

A RESERVATION AT ONE OF THE ABOVE IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE



# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE / PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS  
1:00 TO 4:00 PM

EXHIBITOR RECEPTION  
4:00 TO 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

BOARD MEMBER/MENTOR  
COLLABORATION  
7:15 TO 8:15 AM

OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
8:30 TO 9:45 AM

A - BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
10:00 TO 11:00 AM

B - BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

THURSDAY LUNCHEON KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER  
12:45 TO 2:00 PM

C - BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
2:15 TO 3:15 PM

D - BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

CLASSROOM SHOWCASE  
7:30 TO 11:30 AM

NASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY  
8:00 TO 9:30 AM

NASA MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
8:00 TO 9:30 AM

E - BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
9:15 TO 10:15 AM

F - BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
10:30 TO 11:30 AM

FRIDAY LUNCHEON KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER  
11:45 AM TO 1:15 PM

## PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

### EDUCATOR SHORTAGE: TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

"Now Hiring" is an all-too-common sign for schools. This pre-conference will expose three aspects of the quest to improve this situation. You will hear how Plainview Public Schools is placing focus on potential teachers (students) to ensure they are invited to pursue careers in the education field. Partners from UNL and AASPA will share Educator shortage trend data and strategies to alleviate the situation at the state and national level, including how educator preparation programs can be a proactive partner to school districts. The innovative program at Westside Public Schools to move classified staff to certified teachers through the para-to-teacher partnerships will round out this event.

**PRESENTERS: Darron Arlt - Plainview Public Schools, Kelly Coash-Johnson - AASPA, Andrea Haynes & Mike Lucas - Westside Community Schools, Sara Skretta - UNL**

### A CIVIL DISCOURSE: BOARD, ADMINISTRATION, AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES IN TENSE SITUATIONS

Schools are drawing greater attention than ever before. That makes now a perfect time for a refresher on how to best respond to all that attention. This training on Civil Discourse will help you understand and strive for constructive conversations when things get heated. What's the best way to handle the meeting when 50 patrons show up for public comment? What exactly do you say when approached at the gas station by an unhappy staff member? When does disruptive behavior cross the line? Attorneys at Perry and KSB will lay out the law and use real-life examples to help board members and administrators learn how to turn these negative situations into opportunities for productive engagement.

**PRESENTERS: Attorneys from KSB School Law and Perry Law Firm**



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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## GUIDING THROUGH THE STORM JEFF EVANS



THURSDAY MORNING OPENING SPEAKER - 8:30 TO 9:45 AM

Jeff's skills have been acquired not only on the highest peaks around the world, but also through guiding blind climber Erik Weihenmayer on extraordinarily challenging objectives including the summit of Mt Everest and a 2nd place finish on ABC's adventure series, Expedition Impossible. Jeff reminds us that, in fact, we are all guides in some capacity...professionally and personally. These experiences highlight the importance of adopting an expeditionary mindset necessary to succeed in our current VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous) world, which often involves the ability to evaluate and adjust the ever-changing route up the mountain, the tools in your pack and the trajectory of the team.



## STATE OF THE ASSOCIATIONS ADDRESS NASB & NCSA LEADERSHIP

THURSDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKERS - 12:45 TO 2:00 PM



## CREATING THE CHAMPION WITHIN MOLLY KENNEDY



FRIDAY LUNCHEON SPEAKER - 11:45 AM TO 1:15 PM

Her heart's work is to inspire you to paradigm shift your way to developing a resilient mindset that breeds confidence and success. Molly's message will empower you to get UNstuck from any challenge or transition life throws at you. You'll learn practical, user-friendly strategies applicable to every aspect of life. This message will stick to your ribs! She 'walks the walk' when it comes to resiliency, grit and perseverance. Molly grew up in a dysfunctional family with addiction, divorce, abuse, neglect, abandonment, suffered from an eating disorder, was suicidal and a runaway at 15 years old. Prepare yourself for a message of how to overcome obstacles, reach goals and create the best version of yourself!



WORKING TOGETHER WINS - IGNITING TEAM SPIRIT

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS & TRACKS



BOARDSMANSHIP



CAREER & COLLEGE READINESS



COMMUNICATION



CURRICULUM



ESU



FACILITIES



FINANCE



LEGAL & POLICY



LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY



MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION



NEW BOARD MEMBER



STUDENTS



TECHNOLOGY



WELLNESS

## A

### A - BREAKOUT SESSIONS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 10:00 TO 11:00 AM



#### A1 NEW FACES IN THE LEGISLATURE

With the election complete, the 2023 Legislative session will usher in many new faces, all coming with their own ideas and priorities. What will this mean for K-12 Education? We will review those new faces and what it means to K-12 Education in the upcoming session. Learn about the ideas and priorities that will shape education policy moving forward.

**PRESENTERS: Colby Coash - NASB; Mike Dulaney - NCSA**



#### A2 WE EVALUATE TO RETAIN STAFF...HOW?



ESU 7 has developed a system of growth that includes a strong growth component for EVERY staff member from custodian to administration and the board. The process begins with recruiting new personnel moves through mentoring, evaluation, personalized professional development plans, and agency reflection. This session will provide you with a sampling of ESU 7's process using Charlotte Danielson's framework. You will be exposed to the tools ESU 7 uses, as well as the training, and the process involved for certificated, professional, classified and support staff.

**PRESENTERS: Larianne Polk & Marci Ostmeyer - ESU 7**



#### A3 IS THAT A COMPLAINT, GRIEVANCE, OR VENTING? UNDERSTANDING POLICY, LAW, AND PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING

With so many grievance procedures, complaint procedures, due process procedures, chains of command, and all else schools must navigate, it's no wonder school attorneys have jobs. This session will sort through what's actually legally required versus what's best practice or practically useful. Our hope is you leave the session understanding the what, the when, the where, and the why, so you can do your job as a board member or administrator in deciding the "how" for your school.

**PRESENTERS: KSB School Law**



#### A4 TRANSPARENT STRATEGIC PLANNING IN WESTSIDE



Participants will learn how Westside Community Schools went about a year-long strategic planning process by doing a majority of the work with its own staff and talents. After organizing focus groups with more than 140 stakeholders, developing a one-page logic model, determining metrics to measure each of its goals, and developing a district scorecard for the community, the district launched its new initiative in the fall of 2021. Leaders from Westside will share a step-by-step process and artifacts that your district could use as a resource when working on your own strategic plan.

**PRESENTERS: Mike Lucas, Mark Weichel & School Board Members - Westside Community Schools**

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# THURSDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS



## A5 NIL FOR K-12

This session will discuss the growing trend in athletics regarding "name-image-likeness" and potential impacts in the high school setting.

**PRESENTERS: Josh Schauer & Derek Aldridge - Perry Law Firm**



## A6 SENIOR SEMINAR

How many times have you heard, "If they only taught that in school!" Exeter-Milligan Public School has taken that to heart and created the Senior Seminar class. Topics within this required class include: Laundry/identification of stains/stain removal; sewing on buttons; comparison shopping; time management; simple car care and repairs; financial literacy; cover letters and resumes; leadership qualities. Guest speakers are also utilized to share concepts including purchasing a car, lease agreements, and insurance.

**PRESENTERS: Paul Sheffield, Denice Kovanda, Jordan Marr & Mary Lou Vossler - Exeter-Milligan Public Schools**



## A7 THERAPY DOGS IN SCHOOL

The session will discuss the benefits of therapy dogs and Johnson-Brock's experiences with a dog in school. We will also discuss the process that the dog and owner must do in order to have a dog in the school.



**PRESENTERS: Jeff Koehler & Ashton Bohling - Johnson Brock Public Schools**



## A8 INNOVATING AS A COMMUNITY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - GOTHENBURG

Gothenburg is working as a community to solve the early childhood education crisis. Their assessment, planning, and proposed solutions included their school district, community leaders, and private child care providers at every step. They are working toward innovative solutions that involve interlocal agreements with each of these parties, as well. First Five Nebraska will host a panel comprised of the Board President of the Gothenburg Early Childhood Learning Coalition, Superintendent of Gothenburg Public Schools, and a private child care provider to learn more about the work being done in their community.

**PRESENTERS: Mike Feeken, Colten Venteicher, Allison Jonas & Casey Madsen - First Five Nebraska**



## A9 FIRST FIVE FANTASTIC MINUTES

The first five minutes of the day are the most important five minutes at Crete Intermediate! During this time, students spend just a moment filling out a Google form, choosing from a set of five emojis that illustrate how they are feeling that morning. The steps taken after the form is complete sets students up for success throughout the day. In this session, you will learn how the staff at Crete Intermediate intentionally plans to address the needs of their students both socially and emotionally.

**PRESENTERS: Lisa Fye & Shannon Cole - Crete Public Schools**



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# THURSDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## B

### B - BREAKOUT SESSIONS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM



#### **B1** NSAA, STRIVING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP

We will discuss the thoughts and wishes of our membership that we are receiving as we move forward into this new year. Determine how it may effect all members and utilizing feedback in developing plans for the future.

**PRESENTER: Jay Bellar - NSAA**



#### **B2** FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT- YOU GOTTA WEAR SHADES

The UNPS Career Academy is a progressive and modern approach to secondary education. This beautiful new 36,000 square foot addition offers six distinct career pathways including Nursing, Construction, Automotive, Early Childhood, Culinary and Entrepreneurial. The academy will provide all students with a dynamic learning environment with access to quality individualized instruction and hands-on career experiences to prepare them for life opportunities after high school with the support and integration of the cultural community.

**PRESENTERS: Ricardo Ariza, Brenda Murphy, Delberta Frazier, Kari Bappe & Jon Pickinpaugh - Umo ho Nation Public Schools**



#### **B3** DRAWINGS AND CONTRACTS AND FUNDING, OH MY! CONSTRUCTION ISSUES UNIQUE TO SCHOOL PROJECTS



Whether you are planning a new school building or just doing regular maintenance projects, your district likely has a project being planned or on the horizon. Many board members and administrators are surprised by unique legal requirements that make school construction projects very different than typical projects. We will highlight the important aspects of school construction projects so that you can develop a solid plan, including engaging a design professional, project delivery systems, construction contracts, bidding requirements, and more.

**PRESENTERS: Steve Williams & Coady Pruett - KSB School Law**



#### **B4** INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Congratulations, you have been elected to the school board! You believe you know what the job responsibilities are, but there is a chance you don't know what you don't know! This session will focus on best practice related to the role and responsibilities of the board and superintendent, board meeting protocols, policy, evaluation, communication with stakeholders, district goals, and more.

**PRESENTER: Marcia Herring - NASB**



#### **B5** FIRST AMENDMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

This session will analyze and illustrate how the First Amendment applies to public schools, with an emphasis on how board members need to be mindful of their constitutional obligations to students, staff, and the community.

**PRESENTER: Jim Gessford & Justin Knight - Perry Law Firm**



#### **B6** YOUR DISTRICT AND YOUR ESU...WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?



So, how do you know what the ESU offers your district? How do you know what your school participates in? What if there are services you want, but are not currently offered? How often does the ESU collaborate with our district? Does every school district receive the same services we do? What's the role of the ESU? Come hear how ESU 7 is using district data to determine the services, customizing services to each district to meet their unique needs, documenting services delivered to district educators, and calculating the value added as a result of services provided.

**PRESENTERS: Tami Clay, Larianne Polk & Marci Ostmeyer - ESU 7**

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# THURSDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS



## **B7** STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT - FINDING AND SHARING YOUR MESSAGES, YOUR MISSION AND ACHIEVEMENTS DURING A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

G3

G4

Hear how Grand Island Public Schools, a district of 10,000 students, engages stakeholders at every level, especially during times of uncertainty. GIPS includes student, staff, family and community engagement to build trust and foster positive relationships in support of students and school community. Hear the process of determining strategic communication priorities and pivoting when needed; a process that is led by board members and superintendent as well as a dynamic communications team. Leave this session with tools that you can use in districts of any size to foster community collaboration and empowerment.

**PRESENTERS: Jennifer Worthington, Lisa Albers, Carlos Bárcenas, Tawana Grover & Mitchell Roush - Grand Island Public Schools**



## **B8** EKCO PROJECT - EXPOSING KIDS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students often struggle with the answer to the question, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" This project helps provide schools with creative ways to get students in grades K-12 exploring their career opportunities. There are several components to our program: equipment available through a check-out system (like a library book), commercial equipment that rotates on a quarterly basis, staff to help teachers and students utilize the equipment, curriculum strategies, assistance with existing equipment, grant writing and much more. Want to do more with careers? This may give you some ideas of where to begin.

**PRESENTERS: Annette Weise & Matt Dworak - Tri County Public Schools**



## **B9** ACCESS TO OVERALL WELL-BEING

ESU 2 Team ACCESS (All Children Celebrated Educated Safe & Successful) is a program to support students, families, and districts by expanding services and programs that aim to address overall well-being. Team ACCESS was created as a single entry point for our school districts to access our social support services. Our goal is to work together behind the scenes, to make it easier for schools to navigate our many social support programs. The presentation will review how ESU 2 Team ACCESS staff help coordinate services, provide educator training, and support through small group instruction or mental health counseling.

**PRESENTERS: Taira Masek, Megan Reese, Johannah Boden-Tracy & Beth Kabes - ESU 2**

## ANN MACTIER - SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE THURSDAY LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 12:45 TO 2:00 PM

PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

2021 - STEVE KOCH, HERSHEY

2020 - MARIAN HOLSTEIN, WINNEBAGO

2019 - VALERIE FISHER, PAPILLON-LA VISTA

2018 - KATHY DANEK, LINCOLN

2017 - BONNIE HINKLE, GRAND ISLAND

2016 - TERRI HAYNES, CHADRON

2015 - LINDA RICHARDS, RALSTON

2014 - BRAD KRIVOHLAVEK, NORFOLK

2013 - PATTY BENTZINGER, NORRIS

2012 - KATHY BARTEK, FALLS CITY

2011- JULIE AGARD, KEARNEY

2010 - KIM FASSE, ELKHORN

2009 - RON PEARSON, ESU #3

2008 - SANDRA JENSEN, OMAHA

2007 - JOHN HANSEN, BELLEVUE

2006 - FRED TAFOYA, PAPILLON-LA VISTA

2005 - WAYNE ERICKSON, WISNER-PILGER

2004 - ANN MACTIER, OMAHA



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# THURSDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS



## C - BREAKOUT SESSIONS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 2:15 TO 3:15 PM



### **C1** STUDENT VOICES

Students from Nebraska high schools share their perspectives on issues that are important to the leaders of tomorrow.



### **C2** ALTERNATIVE PROJECT FINANCING - FEMA GYM/STORM SHELTER

Central City Public Schools is currently building a gymnasium/Storm Shelter with \$4 million in Federal FEMA funds. Their story will be presented in this session.

**PRESENTERS: Jeff Jensen - Central City Public Schools, Genesis Contracting, CMBA Architects**



### **C3** THE ABC'S OF GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, & WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Let's have an honest, level-headed, and practical conversation about this topic. What's changed in the law, and what hasn't? What does that mean for school policies, facilities, and activities?

**PRESENTERS: Bobby Truhe & Jordan Johnson - KSB School Law**



### **C4** ACCOUNTABILITY IS NOT JUST FOR SUPERINTENDENTS, ARE YOU ASSESSING THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE BOARD?

**G1**  
Goal 1

The most important role of a school board is hiring and evaluating the superintendent. Equally important is the board self-assessment to ensure the leadership team is striving to develop and maintain a healthy and positive working relationship. This session will equip you with quality evaluation and board self-assessment tools, tips for administering the superintendent evaluation and board self-assessment, and you will hear from a board that has adopted protocols to support an effective process.

**PRESENTERS: Marcia Herring & Katie Coble - NASB, Kathy Wolfe - Palmer Public Schools**



### **C5** HANDLING PUBLIC COMMENT CONUNDRUMS

Public comment can be a valuable tool for gathering community input and gauging community sentiment if not misused. In this session attorneys will examine reasonable rules and regulations that boards might consider establishing through a series of real-world current examples of public comment conundrums board members are dealing with.

**PRESENTER: Jim Gessford & Justin Knight - Perry Law Firm**

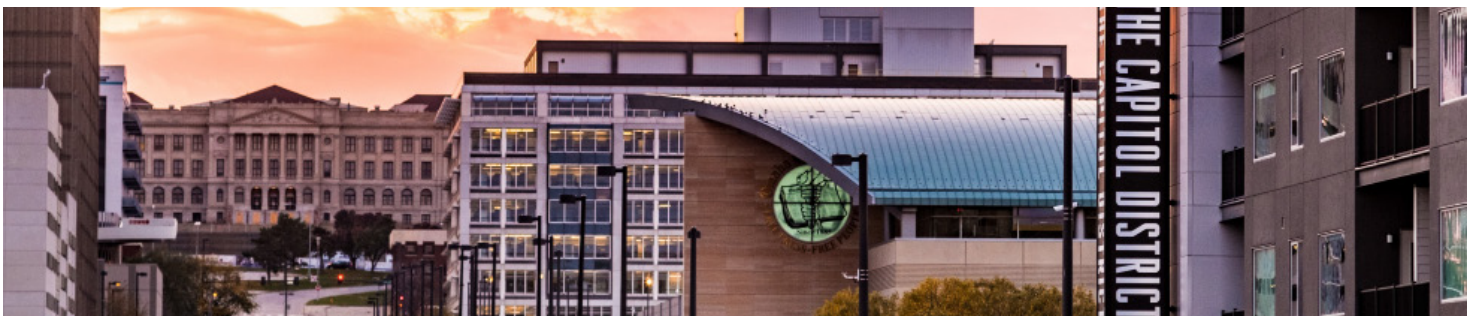


### **C6** IMPACTFUL ENGAGEMENT: BRINGING THE BOE, DISTRICT, & COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO CREATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE.

**G1**  
Goal 1

Meaningful engagement from all stakeholders is highly desired but rarely achieved. The Crete Public Schools Board of Education, in partnership with their superintendent and community, has implemented a systematic process to engage all stakeholders in the change process. In this session, you will learn from the board secretary and superintendent how they have successfully gained and utilized the time, talents, and treasures of the community, staff, and students to design student-centered initiatives, including early childhood education and grading and reporting practices with buy-in from all stakeholders.

**PRESENTERS: Josh McDowell & Julie Kozisek - Crete Public Schools**



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# THURSDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS



## C7 THE NEBRASKA WAY...STORIES FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE STATE

Why do Nebraska schools rank high nationally? Why are Nebraska students sought after by employers everywhere? In this session we discuss the "Nebraska Way" while sharing incredible stories from our schools from all across Nebraska. Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA) Ambassador Program advocates for public education and promotes all the great things happening in schools every day. In the past six years, we have gathered hundreds of stories that can be found on <https://www.nebraska-advantage.org/>. These stories are examples of the student first, Nebraska way.

**PRESENTERS: Cinde Wendell, Keith Rohwer, Tyler Dahlgren & Kyle McGowan - NCSA**



## C8 INTENTIONAL CULTURE & CLIMATE THE OG WAY! OGALLALA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S UNIQUE APPROACH TO CREATING A CULTURE OF CONFIDENCE!

This session is all about the unique approach Ogallala Public Schools uses to create a true Culture of Confidence in their staff, students and community. Culture happens no matter if you want it to or not, so who is driving your culture? At Ogallala Public Schools, a new language was created that had everyone in on the "culture game". This session promises to make you think and reflect on your own district's culture and the direction you could head if it is not where you want it to be yet!

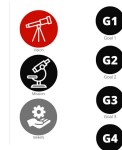
**PRESENTER: Gene Russel - Ogallala Public Schools**



## C9 ESU BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Attend this session to hear representatives of the ESUCC, NDE, and NASB review events of the past year and provide a preview to upcoming educational changes and programs of interest to ESUs across the state.

**MODERATOR: Jim Luebbe - NASB**



## D - BREAKOUT SESSIONS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 3:30 TO 4:30 PM



## D1 FROM CRADLE TO CAREER

A small school's impact on developing the entire student from "Cradle to Career". Cedar Bluffs School removes barriers and creates opportunities for all students PK-12. Cradle to Career starts with an onsite daycare, free preschool and ends with free college classes and career opportunities. It offers free youth sports programs, free after school programs, community events and free transportation during the evening; giving students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities. Cedar Bluffs Public School was a Magna Award Winner for removing barriers, recognized in the Spring of 2022.

**PRESENTERS: Harlan Ptomey, Kate Chrisman, Ben Hansen & Tina Headid - Cedar Bluffs Public Schools**



## D2 EHA HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN UPDATES

Come learn more about the EHA Health and Dental plan. This will also be a time to ask questions and share ideas on what you would like to see from the plan.

**PRESENTERS: Courtney Ray, Brett Young & Greg Long - EHA**



## D3 DUELING PIANOS, SCHOOL LAW STYLE

You've got the requests; they've got the keys. Jim and Karen will have some pre-planned topics to cover, and then they'll open it up for requests! From personnel issues to the First Amendment, anything goes. Bring your questions and requests, and Karen and Jim will keep it 100 (or at least PG-13).

**PRESENTERS: Karen Haase - KSB School Law, Jim Gessford - Perry Law Firm**

# THURSDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS



## D4 THE POTENTIAL OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Discover how Cardinal Community Learning Centers (CCLC), the K-12 afterschool program for Crete Public Schools, excels in unlocking untapped potential of students and staff. We will discuss the following topics: student motivation, staff recruitment, community networks, brand recognition, public relations, stakeholder feedback, mechanisms for support and accountability, and nurturing the hidden talents of students and staff.

**PRESENTER: Joel Bramhall - Crete Public Schools**



## D5 STUDENTS TODAY - RECENT STUDENT ISSUES FOR SCHOOLS

You will learn about expanded rights for transgender students, students' right to books in their libraries, First Amendment issues, and Furries! In this session we will guide you through these issues and more.

**PRESENTERS: Greg Perry & Haleigh Carlson - Perry Law Firm**



## D6 WALL-TO-WALL CAREER ACADEMIES FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A NATIONAL MODEL HIGH SCHOOL

Plattsmouth High School Wall-to-Wall Career Academies began in 2016 after many years of visioning and planning by PHS students, staff, and stakeholders. Our academies are led by student academy core leaders (ACL), the business advisory committee with many community members, and our district and PHS staff. Come and learn about our journey to being a National Model High School and how wall-to-wall career academies differ from pocket academies. We are confident that you will take away many ideas for discussion about how career academies might benefit the students in your school district.

**PRESENTER: Richard Hasty - Plattsmouth Community Schools**



## D7 "SO YOU WANTED TO FIND A SUPERINTENDENT?" WHY MORE PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS AND WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT.

The school district superintendent remains one of the most fundamentally important and influential leadership roles in Nebraska schools and communities. In recent years, the myriad stress-inducing demands of the vocation and a polarizing environment where everything seems to be controversy-laden have deterred many from pursuing the superintendency. This session will focus on small, actionable steps board members and superintendents can take to live better and lead more effectively, with tips on: handling conflict, managing the unavoidable priorities, maintaining focus trust (our most valuable commodity), and unplug by rethinking our relationship with technology & social media.

**PRESENTERS: John Skretta - ESU 6, Joel Ruybalid - Blue Hill Community Schools**



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# FRIDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS



**CLASSROOM SHOWCASE**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 7:30 TO 11:30 AM



**NASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 8:00 TO 9:30 AM



**NASA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 8:00 TO 9:30 AM



**E - BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 9:15 TO 10:15 AM



**E1 THE PERFECT PAIR: MAINTAINING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN YOUR SCHOOL FOUNDATION AND DISTRICT**

There is power in a strong district and foundation relationship. The key to that strength is establishing the relationship with the superintendent. Consistency in foundation relationships is key to keeping your foundation strong. This session will explore ways to codify practices, define responsibilities, and set long-term expectations for the foundation and district relationships.

**PRESENTER: Jennifer Sibal - Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations**

WORKING TOGETHER WINS - IGNITING TEAM SPIRIT

# FRIDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS



## **E2** CYBERSECURITY: TOP TIPS FOR BOARD MEMBERS & SCHOOL DISTRICTS



What you don't know can hurt you! Come to this session and learn basic, critical steps to protect yourself and your institutions from the dangers posed by phishers, hackers, and website attackers! The recent exponential leap in cyberattacks and ransomware attempts on schools combined with drastically increased expectations from insurers for education entities to even qualify for coverage has brought this issue to the forefront. Learn from a technology expert, who speaks in plain English, why it's critical to implement things like dual factor authentication, deploy offsite backups, and train ALL employees to be vigilant.

**PRESENTERS: Jamen Hall & John Skretta - ESU 6**



## **E3** HOT TOPICS IN SCHOOL LAW

Here we go again, on our own! Come back to this annual staple for the hottest topics and trickiest issues in school law.

**PRESENTERS: Bobby Truhe & Steve Williams - KSB School Law**



## **E4** USING EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO RE-ENGAGE YOUTH AND ACCELERATE LEARNING

Participants will learn about the impact high quality afterschool and summer learning programs have on youth participants. We will also share a new multi-year collaboration between Beyond School Bells and the Nebraska Department of Education to utilize ESSER III funding to initiate new and expand existing afterschool and summer programs that can serve as models for other districts across the state.

**PRESENTER: Jeff Cole - Beyond School Bells**



## **E5** OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS: WHAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS SAID



We will discuss some of the open meetings and public records complaints filed and how the Attorney General's office has addressed the issues and the complaints.

**PRESENTERS: Derek Aldridge & Greg Perry - Perry Law Firm**



## **E6** STEM COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS - ENSURE QUALITY AND ACCESS TO STEM EDUCATION IN BUILDING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

We will highlight a unique model developed in partnership with the Omaha STEM Ecosystem and AIM Institute, and sponsored by Cox Business, to ensure equity and access in education for all students no matter their personal life experiences. It will also highlight how business/industry, education, non-profits, science centers and museums can be creative in developing a tool that facilitates career exploration and creating accessible STEM opportunities for all. The STEM Community Platform (SCP) will help ensure a talented, thriving and equitable workforce for generations to come. This very interactive session encourages questions and potential partnerships.

**PRESENTERS: Mike Flesch, Neal Grandgenett, Julie Minton, Elizabeth Mulkerrin, Julie Sigmon & Tony Veland - Omaha STEM Ecosystem**



## **E7** APPROACHING COMPLIANCE WITH AN OPEN MIND: RULE 10 TREND DATA

The Accreditation Section at the NDE is responsible for monitoring compliance with Rule 10: Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools. Participants will understand Annual Assurance Statement reporting and how Accreditation collaborates with school administrators to correct unmet regulations. Time will also be spent discussing trend data from the past three years and specific regulations that allow for flexibility.

**PRESENTERS: Micki Charf & Brad Dirksen - Nebraska Department of Education**



## **E8** ESU BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEMBER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS



Designed specifically for ESU Board members, we will describe one Service Unit's efforts to build relationships with its member districts school board members. Topics will include visits to school board meetings, regional board member workshops and networking, and board StrengthFinder development work sessions.


**PRESENTER: Drew Harris - ESU 9**

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# FRIDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## F


### F - BREAKOUT SESSIONS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 10:30 TO 11:30 AM

 **F1** A LISTENING SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Share your thoughts on statewide education policy with members of the State Board of Education. State Board members are particularly interested in what is currently affecting local school boards and districts, and the solutions you have to offer for these issues. Topics may include school accountability, accreditation, and approval; educator certification; and statewide assessment, among others. Attending this session is a great opportunity for you to have your voice heard among members of the State Board of Education.


**PRESENTERS: Ryan Foor, Patsy Koch Johns & Robin Stevens - Nebraska Department of Education**

 **F2** USING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ACT FOR BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE  
This session will focus on using the Interlocal Agreement Act to create a separate agency to help in a school's infrastructure/construction needs.



 **PRESENTERS: Jason Alexander - Beatrice Public Schools, Brandon Lavaley - Wahoo Public Schools, Brenda McNiff - ESU 5**

 **F3** PAIN IN THE APP, V. 8.0  
Whether it's your first conference or you've attended the prior 7 renditions of this presentation, Karen Haase and Sara Hento will cover everything board members and administrators need to know about technology, social media, and how those things impact schools.


**PRESENTERS: Karen Haase & Sara Hento - KSB School Law**

 **F4** LEADING FOR EQUITY: PRIORITIZING AN EQUITABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS  
School boards identify priorities for supporting student success through their strategic plan. This session shares the collaboration between Ralston Public Schools and Educational Service Unit #3 and their journey to ensure an equitable learning environment for students. This includes the year-one steps taken to establish common language and understanding, create an effective Equity Dashboard, engage stakeholders in data to begin deepening conversations and change initiatives, and identify next steps in this collaborative process. This session highlights the importance of collectively slowing down, understanding the district's unique context and needs, and clarifying purpose and direction.

**PRESENTERS: Scott Blum & Cecilia Wilkin - ESU 3**

 **F5** NEGOTIATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS   
We will discuss both the basics of negotiations and recent trends in negotiations across the State.

**PRESENTER: Justin Knight & Josh Schauer - Perry Law Firm**

 **F6** THE SCIENCE OF HOPE  
In this interactive session, participants will learn to define "hope" and identify specific ways that schools can teach, nurture, and measure hope benefitting both students and school staff. Research shows that students with high levels of hope demonstrate significantly higher levels of achievement compared to peers with lower hope. They also have higher rates of admission to, as well as retention in college. Additionally, research clearly shows that hope has the power to mitigate the negative impacts of toxic stress. Session attendees will learn that hope is not a wish or a feeling, but indeed a proven teachable science.

**PRESENTERS: Kraig Lofquist & Scott Butler - Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council**



# FRIDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS



## **F7 ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH PURPOSEFUL AND POSITIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

The research is clear. Community and parent engagement fosters goodwill, brings in new partners and resources, and will positively impact support of students, expanded learning opportunities, and facility upkeep and expansion. Staff engagement builds rapport and improves student attendance and graduation rates. But how do you know what your staff, students, parents, and community are thinking, what they expect of the school district, and what they support? This session will address the importance of engaging stakeholders, what questions to ask, and how best to engage. You will also hear from a school district that recently engaged stakeholders in the discussion of long-term goals for the school district.

**PRESENTERS: Marcia Herring, Kari Stephens & Caden Frank - NASB, Mark Lenihan & Jodi Pulfer - Wayne Community Schools**

## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE FRIDAY LUNCHEON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - 11:45 AM TO 1:15 PM PREVIOUS WINNERS INCLUDE:

2023 - MARK LENIHAN, WAYNE	2011 - MIKE CUNNING, HERSHEY	1999 - KENNETH ANDERSON, HASTINGS
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2019 - MIKE TEAHON, GOTHENBURG	2007 - ROGER BREED, ELKHORN	1995 - MARTIN PETERSEN, ALLIANCE
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2017 - CAROLINE WINCHESTER, CHADRON	2005 - ROY BAKER, NORRIS	1993 - FRED BELLUM, COLUMBUS
2016 - JAY BELLAR, BATTLE CREEK	2004 - DAN ERNST, WAVERLY	1992 - GLENN LARSEN, ADAMS CENTRAL
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2014 - STEVE BAKER, ELKHORN	2002 - PHILIP SCHOO, LINCOLN	1990 - DOUG CHRISTENSEN, NORTH PLATTE
2013 - KEVIN RILEY, GRETNA	2001 - KEITH ROHWER, NEBRASKA CITY	1989 - DONALD STROH, MILLARD
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# ESU 7 Goals 2022-2023

## Board of Directors

- Goal 1: By July 2024, the ESU 7 board will create, roll out, and operationalize a formalized process for board recruitment, onboarding, mentoring, and boardsmanship.
  - Pre-Post engagement survey
  - Pre-Post process survey
- Goal 2: By July 2024, the ESU 7 board will attend at least two professional/personal learning events annually.
  - Pre-Post data
- Goal 3: By July 2024, the ESU 7 board will attend the corresponding school district board meetings at least once every two years to report the tailored services provided by ESU 7 and the outcomes measured.
  - Pre-Post data
- Goal 4: By July 2024, the ESU 7 board will create, roll out, and operationalize communication materials detailing tailored services and outcomes.
  - Pre-Post data

## Administrator

- Goal 1: Administrator will research and present drafted processes for recruitment, onboarding, mentoring, and boardsmanship for board consideration, revision, and adoption.
- Goal 2: Administrator will provide the board with an ongoing menu of available learning opportunities at each board meeting aligned to the ESU 7 vision, mission, and/or beliefs.
- Goal 3: Administrator will coordinate the scheduling of regular board visits over a rolling two year period and will organize a board member summit for ESU 7 area boards to participate in professional learning.
- Goal 4: Administrator will determine the data to best communicate to school boards their utilized services and outcomes and will draft communication materials for the board to consider, revise, and finalize.

## Directors

- Goal 1: By July 31, 2023, Directors will study job expectations and determine actionable steps as a result of the data.

## Agency Team

- Goal 1: By May 18, 2023, the Agency Team will examine data to look at current staffing and deploy strategies to support recruiting and retaining staff.

## Departments

- Administration: By July 2024, ESU 7 Administrative processes will be highly functional.



- Cen7ter: Obtain five new job sites by September 12, 2022 and ensure each student has experience at one new job site by the end of the school year.
- Early Childhood: By May 2023, ESU EC team will organize four informal (outside of Word) activities and incorporate four additional team building activities into already scheduled work related activities with 80% attendance.
- Grants: By December 2022, the Grants Department will send one email to ESU 7 Principals that includes the Grants brochure which outlines services and resources. Hard copies will be disseminated by Grant Coordinators at their discretion.
- Learning Academy: By December 2022, Learning Academy staff will improve program consistency as evidenced by: creating a checklist of forms for incidents, teach and reinforce rules and procedures of Learning Academy to staff and students, provide a way for staff to report concerns, praise, and collaborate, and addressing concerns submitted each week at staff meetings.
- Mental Health: By May 2023, the Mental Health Department will improve the data collection process by piloting two assessments for grades.
- Migrant: By the end of the 2022-2023 MEP Performance Period, the MEP department will build and foster relationships with community partners, schools, and MEP families.
- Network Operations: During the 2022-2023 school year, the Technology Department will develop and implement a system for handling technology requests.
- Production: By May 2023, develop and implement a process to manage workflow with limited staff.
- Professional Development: By May 2023, we will design and implement methods for supporting districts amidst the current educational landscape.
- Psychology: Capture Psych roles and responsibilities through customized data collection systems to document how we support and lead our districts through innovative change.
- Speech: By May 2023, the SLP team will provide at least two resources to all ESU 7 districts regarding roles and responsibilities of SLPs in schools.
- Vision: By May 2023, the Vision team will have met at least five times during the school year with an average of 80% attendance as measured by agenda and attendance forms.



September 26, 2022

ESU #7  
2657 44<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Columbus, NE 68601

ATT: Linda Shefcyk

## **PROPOSAL to CONVERT EXISTING STOREROOM INTO STAFF BREAKROOM**

The existing storeroom #116 will be cleared of Owners property before the project begins.

The existing FRP and drywall will be removed to a height of 24" to allow for access of wiring and plumbing components. No wall covering will be installed at the removed location.

Plastic laminate casework with plastic laminate countertop to match the existing colors and design with plastic laminate edges. Base cabinets to be ADA height and there will be the required 5' open radius floor circle space.

Upper cabinets and base cabinets on 2 walls in an "L" configuration. 36" refrigerator space. Existing FRP to remain as backsplash between upper and lower cabinets.

No other wall finish is included existing FRP to remain as final finish.

Anti-slip mat allowance: \$158.00

Installation of kitchen sink and disposal on the common wall that joins the bathroom sink and stool. Includes roughing in the venting and water and setting the fixtures. Sink, faucet and disposal are included. *No waterline for ice maker included.*

Provide 4 -120 amp circuits for remodeled storage area into a breakroom. Circuits include 2 countertop circuits. One circuit for the refrigerator and one circuit for the dishwasher, garbage disposal. Existing lighting to remain and no additional lighting to be installed.

Installation of casework and Owner supplied refrigerator. All other appliances to be owner provided and installed.

Removal of debris and dust prevention to be included.

Owner to provide builders risk insurance if required and sales tax exempt forms for the project. No architectural fees or Fire Marshal inspections or review is included. Does not include changes required by the City of Columbus building inspection department.

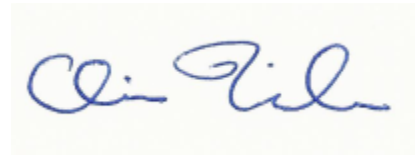
WE PROPOSE to furnish labor and material --- complete in accordance with above specifications, and subject to conditions found on this agreement as noted above. Any items not specifically specified or mentioned above are not included and are specifically excluded in the base bid price for this project. Additional work items would be reflected as a change order and will be added to the base bid price and the payments would be adjusted accordingly.

Base Bid: Thirty one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six dollars

Payment to be made as follows: Work will be billed on completion of the project. An itemized statement will be submitted to the owner on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month and be payable to the contractor by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

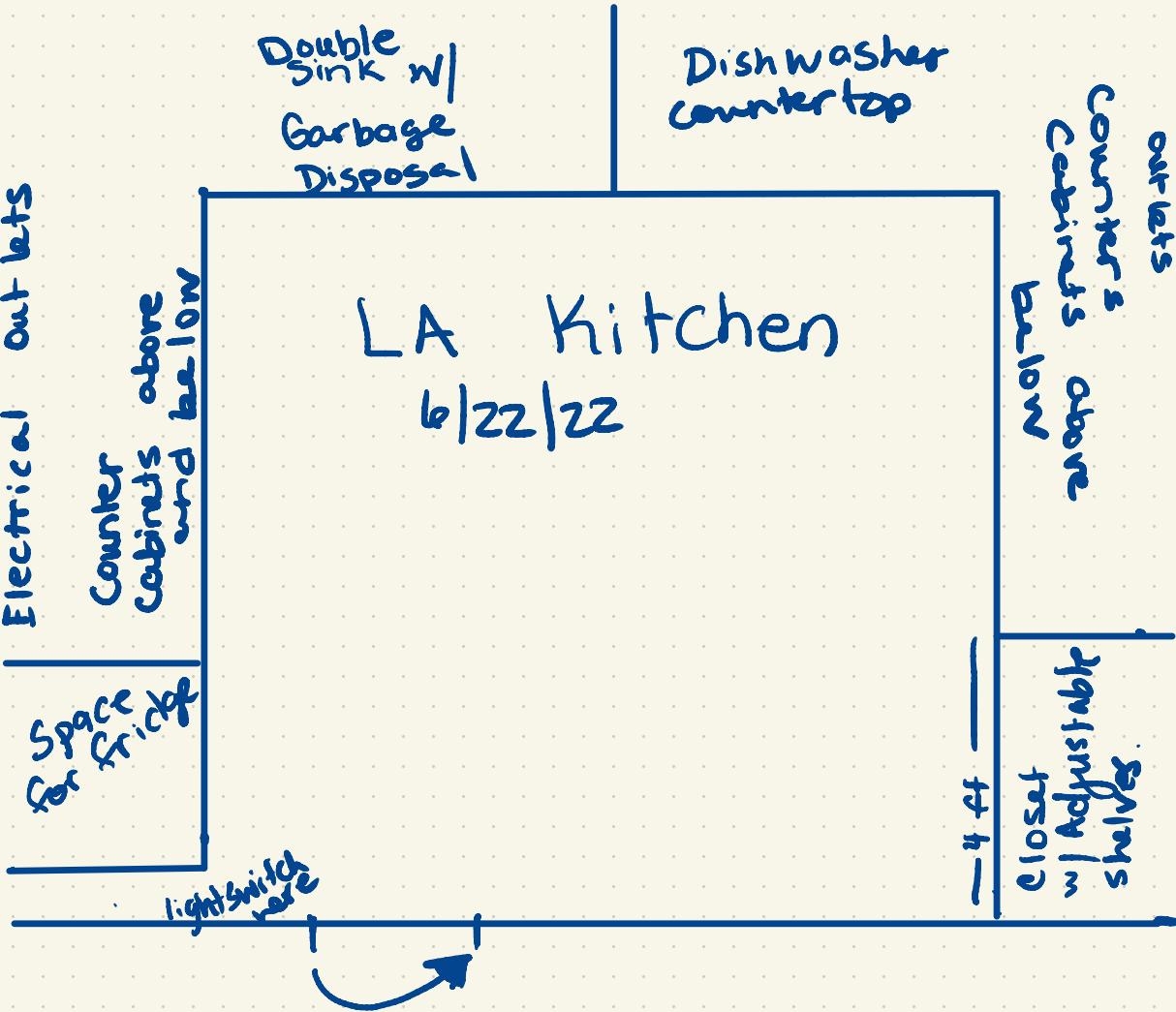
ACCEPTED. The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Respectfully Submitted,



Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_ By

By \_\_\_\_\_



\* need Slip Mat for floor

\* Need electrical that can operate 2 microwaves and the fridge at the same time.

October 12, 2022

Nancy Smith  
2808 E 38th Street  
Columbus, NE 68601

Educational Service Unit #7  
2657 44th Avenue  
Columbus, NE 68601

Dear ESU #7 Board,

Please accept this letter of retirement from my position in the Production Department. My last day of work will be January 10, 2023.

I have enjoyed working with my colleagues for the past 43 years, and have many lasting friendships and wonderful memories. It has been my privilege and honor to be a part of this distinguished organization.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this my career. I appreciate the atmosphere of feeling like family, it's been an unbelievable journey for me.

Best regards,

Nancy Smith

## Resignation Letter ESU7

Dear Dan Ellsworth,

I am writing this letter to inform you of my resignation as District Technology Coordinator at Educational Service Unit 7. My last day of employment will be October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

At this time, I feel I must focus on my family business due to the loss of staff. I believe it would be in my best interest to pursue this opportunity. I appreciate the level of professionalism and consideration you have shown me throughout the time I was employed and I would like to thank you for the investment you've made in my professional career.

If there is any way I can assist in the effort of finding a fitting replacement, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Tyler Schrant  
tschrant90@gmail.com  
402-910-7374 Cell



## Administrator Evaluation

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of evaluating the administrator is not to micromanage the organization, but to provide oversight and public assurance that the policies are being effectively implemented. The evaluation process offers the Board the avenue to strengthen communication with the administrator and is an ongoing process to enable the board the occasion to provide formal feedback for professional growth (Herring, p. 24). \*

### **PREFACE**

The purpose of the following evaluation is to provide a written commentary of the performance of the Administrator of Educational Service Unit 7, as perceived by the Educational Service Unit 7 Board of Directors. The Board is committed to the confidentiality of all statements, but believes the Administrator is free to share any comments with any individual or group that he/she deems appropriate.

### **RESOURCES FOR THE BOARD'S REVIEW**

- Evaluation Policy
- Administrator's contract
- Administrator job description
- Administrator goal(s)
- Evaluation tool

**PROCESS:** All board members will participate in the evaluation process.

- August Evaluation Committee and Administrator review Evaluation Tool and Evaluation Policy/Procedures.
- September Full Board is provided a paper copy of the evaluation.  
*Quarterly Report*
- October Administrator sends digital evaluation and evaluation resources to the Evaluation Committee Chair in the first week of October. The chair then forwards on to full Board for completion by October Board Meeting. Administrator completes Evaluation Tool as self-assessment and sends to Evaluation Committee on or before October 31.
- November Committee Chair will send the completed Administrator self-assessment to full Board after November 1. Evaluation Committee compiles results of full Board completed evaluations prior to the November Board Meeting.



- December Evaluation Committee meets prior to December Board Meeting to review with Administrator the results of evaluation. Report to full Board in December Board Meeting following Closed Session requirements with Administrator present.  
*Quarterly Report*
- January Confirm Evaluation Committee members. Administrator provides Evaluation Committee with goals and shares with Board at January Board Meeting.
- March *Quarterly Report*
- June *Quarterly Report*

**LEVELS DEFINED:**

- Unsatisfactory Does not meet component expectations of job description, does not follow through.
- Basic Meets component expectations with little or no growth.
- Proficient Component is implemented consistently with strong leadership.
- Distinguished Component's expectations are exceeded. New strategies are created. Expertise is demonstrated. Knowledge is wide and deep. Work is innovative.
- Not Observed Standard not scored



**QUESTIONS ON THE ELECTRONIC EVALUATION:**

<b>I. RELATIONS WITH THE BOARD</b>				
Component 1. Communicates with the Board regarding current/new trends in education, programs, procedures, policies, budget, labor relations, staff, and statewide issues.				
*Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	*Distinguished	Not Observed
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<b>II. COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS</b>				
Component 2. Maintains two-way interactions with member districts, business partners, stakeholders, media, and legislators.				
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<b>III. STAFF AND PERSONNEL RELATIONSHIPS</b>				
Component 3. Provides direction to Leadership Team, resulting in high quality work.				
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<b>IV. EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP</b>				
Component 4. Provides the vision and leadership supporting schools in their efforts to meet the educational needs of all students.				
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<b>V. BUSINESS AND FINANCE</b>				
Component 5. Maintains budgetary controls; monitors activities, initiates timely and effective correcting actions, stays within budget, makes budgetary recommendations and develops facilities management plans and procedures.				
*Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	*Distinguished	Not Observed
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>VI. PROFESSIONAL/PERSONAL QUALITIES</b>				
Component 6. Models accepted moral and ethical standards in all professional and personal dealings including multi-cultural and ethnic understanding and sensitivity.				
*Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	*Distinguished	Not Observed
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>VII. PROFESSIONAL GROWTH</b>				
Component 7. Takes part in on-going professional development activities both organized and individual.				
*Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	*Distinguished	Not Observed
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<b>SUMMARY/ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</b>				

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