

**ESU #1 Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 5:30 PM, via videoconferencing. **Present:** Tucker Hight, AJ Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Sally Reinert, Benjamin Schultz, Helen Sorensen, Susan Strahm, Robby Thompson, Grant Torpin, **Absent:** Traci Haglund, Lana Oswald. **Present:** Lana Oswald.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting, as shown below, in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary maintains a list of news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Directors, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Published and/or Posted Locations:

- Wayne Herald (Thursday before meeting date)
- Central Office Front Door (Friday before meeting date)
- Sparq (Friday before meeting date)

A. Notification of Open Meetings Law

At the beginning of this meeting, President AJ Johnson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available at the meeting site and posted virtually.

Zoom meeting.

Time: Apr 13, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time (US)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/924440505706>

Meeting ID: 924 4050 5706

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B. Roll Call*

Motion by Tucker Hight, seconded by Sally Reinert, to excuse the absence of members: Traci Haglund and Lana Oswald. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 9, Against: 0, Absent: 2

C. Approve Agenda*

Motion by Shannon Johnson, seconded by Grant Torpin, to approve the April 12, 2021 agenda as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 9, Against: 0, Absent: 2

D. Consent Agenda*

Motion by Sally Reinert, seconded by Helen Sorensen, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided. Items include: March 9 Minutes; March Financial Reports (Treasurer, Revenue & Expense); April 15 bills of \$826,381.70, which excludes the Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency bill of \$72,038; and Administrator's Report. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Lana Oswald: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 10, Against: 0, Absent: 1

D.1. Previous Minutes (copy attached)

D.2. Financial Reports*

D.2.a. Revenue Report/Treasurer's Report

D.2.b. Cash Summary/Expenditure Report

D.3. Bills for April

D.4. Administrator's Monthly Report

D.4.a. Special Education Quarterly Department Meeting

D.4.b. Census Data and Redistricting Requirements

D.4.c. Nebraska Department of Education Rule 84 Meeting

D.4.d. ESU #1 Continuous Improvement Visit

E. Public Comment

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Instructions for Those Who Wish to Speak During Public Forum

Getting Started

When it is your turn to speak during the public forum portion of the agenda, come forward to the table situated immediately in front of the Board, sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet and state your name to the Board.

Time Limit

You may speak only one time and comments are limited to five minutes or less.

General Rules

Remember that this is a public meeting for the conduct of the business of the ESU #1 Board. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

F. ESU #1 2021-22 Academic Year Calendar

Motion by Susan Strahm, seconded by Shannon Johnson, to approve the ESU #1 2021-22 Central office and Tower School calendars as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Lana Oswald: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 10, Against: 0, Absent: 1

G. ESU #1 May Board of Director Meeting

Motion by Sally Reinert, seconded by Robby Thompson, to hold the May 2021 virtually. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Lana Oswald: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 10, Against: 0, Absent: 1

H. ESU #1 Annual Survey

I. Property/Liability Insurance

Motion by Sally Reinert, seconded by Tucker Hight, to approve the property/liability insurance for 2021-22 as presented with a premium cost of \$72,038. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Lana Oswald: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 10, Against: 0, Absent: 1

J. Computer and Electronic Device Repair Agreement

Motion by Susan Strahm, seconded by Robby Thompson, to approve the agreement with Hefner Electronics for the 2021-22 year at a rate of \$70 per hour. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Lana Oswald: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 10, Against: 0, Absent: 1

K. Legislative Update

L. Classified Staff Compensation for 2021-22

M. Personnel*

M.1. Consider, discuss, and take necessary action on employee contracts and personnel changes.

M.1.a. Resignation(s)

Tower School Secretary Myrna Wacker Tuttle has submitted her letter of intent to retire from her position effective May 14, 2021. Myrna has been a part of the Tower School program for 40 years.

Tower School Paraeducator Kaye Hilsinger has submitted her letter of intent to retire from her position effective May 14, 2021. Kaye has been a part of the Tower School program for 26 1/2 years.

The ESU #1 Board expressed their thanks and appreciation to all staff who are leaving at the end of the contract year, and especially those who are retiring.

Motion by Shannon Johnson, seconded by Susan Strahm, to approve the resignation of LMHP Alexandra Stieren and Physical Therapist Rebecca Rippe, effective at the end of the 2020-21 contract year. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Lana Oswald: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 10, Against: 0, Absent: 1

M.1.b. New Hire(s)

Motion by Sally Reinert, seconded by Tucker Hight, Motion to approve the following new hires for the 2021-22 year: School Psychology Intern Kate Welter (190 days) and Speech/Language Pathologist Jenna McAfee (185 days). After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: For, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Lana Oswald: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Robby Thompson: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 10, Against: 0, Absent: 1

M.1.c. Contract Change(s)

M.1.d. Termination(s)

N. Adjournment

As there were no other topics of discussion on the agenda, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Brittney Hampl, Recording Secretary

Helen Sorensen, Board Secretary