

ESU 3 Regular Meeting

ESU #3

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 7:00 PM

Marla Fries:	Present
Brett Kuhn:	Present
Ron Pearson:	Present
Mary Scarborough:	Present
Brenda Sherman:	Absent
Ted Stilwill:	Present
Liz Tompkins:	Present
Stan Turner:	Present

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Nebraska Open Meetings Act Notice; Location of Posted Information
3. Organization of Educational Service Unit #3 Board for 2025

Motion to approve Treasurer: Lori Meays; Bank Depository: Pinnacle Bank; Newspaper Publication: Omaha World Herald; Legal Counsel: PGH&G (Perry Law Firm) (Justin Knight) for 2025 Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Mary Scarborough.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

Board members nominated Ron Pearson as President, Brenda Sherman as VP, and Mary Scarborough as Secretary. All were handled through voice nominations. Each office had one nomination. All were approved unanimously through a voice vote.

4. Excused Board Members, if Applicable

Motion to excuse absent board member Brenda Sherman Passed with a motion by Mary Scarborough and a second by Brett Kuhn.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

5. Recognition of Visitors

Visitors Darren Tompkins (spouse of newly elected ESU #3 Board Member, Liz Tompkins) and District 3 Senator Victor Rountree were in attendance.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Mary Scarborough and a second by Marla Fries.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

7.1. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

7.2. Personnel Report

7.2.1. Hired

7.2.2. Resigned/Terminated

7.3. Contract Report

7.4. Approval of National Travel and/or Lodging Expenses Exceeding the Applicable Federal Rate Report

7.5. Items for Disposal, Asset Change, or For Sale

7.6. Board Member Insurance Coverage

7.7. Head Start Leadership Reports, Policy Council Updates, Contracts, Etc.

8. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Stan Turner.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

The Treasurer's Report noting receipts totaled \$2,871,315.57 for the month and disbursements totaled \$2,115,441.15.

9. Approval of Bills

Motion to approve bills as presented Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Marla Fries.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

Bills were presented in the amount of \$2,098,450.83.

10. Administrative Report

Dr. Schnoes shared information on the following topics: Budget update, Board years of service, Legislative Bills, School Mental Health Grant from US DOE, Future conferences, and Dr. Blum's EIR program update.

11. New Business Agenda Items

11.1. Review and Sign Code of Ethics for ESU #3 Board Members

Dr. Schnoes reviewed the Code of Ethics with the board. The seven members present signed the document.

11.2. Review 2025 Board Calendar and 2025 Board Agenda Items

Dr. Schnoes shared the 2025 Board Calendar and the monthly Board Agenda items.

11.3. Recognition for Nebraska School Board Member Week

Dr. Schnoes shared that the Head Start kids made posters and signs for the Board in recognition of their dedication to the board. These were present in the Board Room on display.

11.4. ESU #3 Strategic Plan Annual Review and Board Governance Goal

Dr. Blum presented a review of the ESU #3 Strategic Plan and the work completed this past year by the ESU #3 Continuous Improvement Committee.

11.5. AESA Conference Follow up

All board members shared comments from the AESA Conference and expressed the value of attending this event for their own professional development.

11.6. Approve Board Policy updates

Motion to approve the updated version of Board Policy, Article 2, Section 6A Passed with a motion by Stan Turner and a second by Marla Fries.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

11.7. Review ESU #3 Administrative Contract Procedures

Effective on January 16, 2025, the contract for Dr. Schnoes was automatically extended for one additional year (through June 2028).

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting Passed with a motion by Mary Scarborough and a second by Brett Kuhn.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

