

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 16**  
**314 West First Street**  
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**James McGown, Administrator**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, November 17, 2025**  
**Central Office**

**12:30 PM MT**  
**Ogallala, Nebraska**

**AGENDA**

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- 2) Call to Order
  - 2)a Pledge of Allegiance
  - 2)b Roll Call
  - 2)c Board Meeting Attendance
  - 2)d Notification of Open Meetings Law Posting and Recognition of Recordings
  - 2)e Legal Notice of Regular Board Meeting
- 3) Consent Agenda:
  - 3)a Approval of Agenda (*Motion and second, Board President reads Conflict of Interest Statement*)
    - Approval of Minutes of the prior month Board Meeting
    - Approval of Excess Federal Rates Report
    - Approval of Claims and Financial Report
    - Authorize Payment of Claims per Article III, Section 5A

- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Recognition of Visitors
- 6) Action Items
  - 6)a Consider Approval of Consortium Agreements
  - 6)b Consider Approval of Early Childhood Training Grant and Journey to Inclusion Grant
  - 6)c Consider Approval of ESU 16 HOPE Program Handbook
  - 6)d Second Reading of Proposed Policy Changes to Article 3 Services and Operations
  - 6)e Consider Approval Sterling Firewall Licensing
- 7) Discussion Items
  - 7)a Negotiations Update
  - 7)b Administrator's Evaluation
  - 7)c Renewal of Administrator's Contract
  - 7)d November 2025 External Review Report
- 8) Director Reports
  - 8)a Special Services: Jennifer Pohlson
  - 8)b Teaching & Learning: Alison Smith
  - 8)c Network Operations: Scott Jones
- 9) Administrative Reports
  - 9)a Board Reports
  - 9)b Administrator's Report
  - 9)c Out of Unit Travel and Mileage Reports
- 10) Adjourn