

ESU #1 Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

A meeting of the ESU #1 Board of Directors convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at at ESU #1 in ESU #1 Conference Room, 211 Tenth Street, Wakefield, NE 68784-5014. Notice is further hereby given that, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order, members of the Board appeared by videoconference or telephonic means.

Present: AJ Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Sally Reinert, Benjamin Schultz, Helen Sorensen, Susan Strahm, Grant Torpin, **Absent:** Traci Haglund, Tucker Hight, Lana Oswald, Robby Thompson.

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 a digital copy is included on the agenda.

Time: Jan 12, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 940 3555 6471

B. Roll Call*

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

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Robby Thompson: Absent, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 4

C. Approve Agenda*

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

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Robby Thompson: Absent, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 4

D. Board Re-Organization

Motion by Sally Reinert, second by Helen Sorensen, to nominate AJ Johnson as Board President. As there were no additional nominations, the motion was approved by acclamation. Motion by Helen Sorensen, second by Shannon Johnson, to nominate Sally Reinert as Board Vice-President. As there were no additional nominations, the motion was approved by acclamation.

Motion by Sally Reinert, second by Ben Schultz, to nominate Helen Sorensen as Board Secretary. As there were no additional nominations, the motion was approved by acclamation.

E. Consent Agenda*

Motion by Sally Reinert, seconded by Helen Sorensen, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided. Items include: December 8, Minutes; December Financial Reports (Treasurer, Revenue and Expense reports); January bills of \$838,323.01; and Administrator's Report. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Robby Thompson: Absent, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 4

E.1. Previous Minutes (copy attached)

E.2. Financial Reports*

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

E.2.b. Cash Summary/Expenditure Report

E.3. Bills for January

E.4. Administrator's Monthly Report

E.4.a. Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Effective January 1 2021, the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for 2021 decreased \$.015 cents to \$.56 cents per mile. The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed

and variable costs of operating an automobile. The Board approved use of the IRS rate at the December 2020 meeting.

E.4.b. Legislative Update

E.4.c. COVID-19 Update

E.4.d. ESU #1 All-Staff Day

E.4.e. Email Address

F. Public Comment

G. Board Member Code of Ethics

Motion by Shannon Johnson, seconded by Helen Sorensen, to approve the ESU1 Board member code of ethics. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Robby Thompson: Absent, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 4

H. ESU #1 Committee

Motion by Sally Reinert, seconded by Benjamin Schultz, to approve the ESU1 board committee structure for 2021 as recommended. The three committees are: Building & Grounds, Finance/Personnel, and Policy/Legislative. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Robby Thompson: Absent, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Grant Torpin: For
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I. Position Appointments

Motion by Helen Sorensen, seconded by Sally Reinert, to appoint Stuart Clark as board treasurer (\$1/annual), Lisa Salmon as recording secretary (\$75/mo.), the Perry Law Firm as ESU #1 attorney of record, and appoint Bank First of Wakefield as primary bank depositor. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Robby Thompson: Absent, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 4

J. Designate Newspapers of Record

Motion by Susan Strahm, seconded by Shannon Johnson, to appoint the following newspapers of record for ESU1: Nebraska Journal Leader, Wayne Herald, Cedar County News, Dakota County Star, Pender Times, Knox County News and the Wakefield Republican. After discussion and on

roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Robby Thompson: Absent, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Grant Torpin: For
For: 7, Against: 0, Absent: 4

K. Government Relations Network

Motion by Helen Sorensen, seconded by Sally Reinert, to appoint Lana Oswald as the government relations network representative. After discussion and on roll call vote, the Board voted as follows:

Motion Carried:

Traci Haglund: Absent, Tucker Hight: Absent, Lana Oswald: Absent, Robby Thompson: Absent, AJ Johnson: For, Shannon Johnson: For, Sally Reinert: For, Benjamin Schultz: For, Helen Sorensen: For, Susan Strahm: For, Grant Torpin: For
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L. Early Childhood Pyramid Implementation Facilitator Grant

ESU #1 is expected to receive a Early Childhood Pyramid Implementation Facilitator Grant through NDE. The grant will provide funding for a facilitator/coach position.

M. Personnel*

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

M.1.a. Resignation(s)

M.1.b. New Hire(s)

Classified Staff Hires:

Tower Paraeducator Jessica Genereux, effective January 4, 2021 (full-time)

Tower Paraeducator Gracie Hansen, effective January 11, 2021 (part-time)

M.1.c. Contract Change(s)

M.1.d. Termination(s)

N. Adjournment

There being no additional agenda items, President AJ Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Lisa Salmon, Recording Secretary

Helen Sorensen, Board Secretary