

## **Educational Service Unit #5**

### **Board Minutes**

**August 12, 2024**

The Board of Educational Service Unit No. 5 met on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Tim McAllister, Jeannine Murphy, Betty Meyer, Carla Loemker; Administrator Brenda McNiff; Board Treasurer Jan Reimer; and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board member Vicki Hinz-Ensz was absent.

Prior to the meeting, Kurk Wiedel gave a presentation on the Principal Mentor Program.

President Roger Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. He acknowledged this was an open meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and notice of such was published in the Beatrice Daily Sun and Hebron Journal Register the week of August 1, 2024.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Betty Meyer moved to approve the meeting minutes of the June 2024 meeting; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the July Treasurer's report and ratify payment of the bills in the amount of \$561,966.92; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the August Treasurer's report and ratify payment of the warrants in the amount of \$547,315.98; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Duane Smith moved to approve a 220 day contract for Kelly Lugenbeel, Early Childhood Coordinator, for the 2024-25 school year; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith moved to approve the 2024-25 Assigned "Home Base" document for all ESU 5 employees for mileage reimbursement; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

### **Administrator Update**

Administrator McNiff gave an update on the Legislature's Special Session and bills being considered to reduce property taxes and how the proposed bills would affect education and school budgets.

Administrator McNiff will email board members the proposed ESU 5 budget for 2024-25 prior to the next meeting.

The AESA Conference will be held December 4-6, 2024 in Orlando, FL. Board members planning to attend should let Jan Reimer know.

**Public Comment**

There was no one in attendance to offer public comment on any items.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, President Smidt adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 9 with a Budget Hearing at 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular Board meeting.



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