

## **Educational Services Unit No. 5**

### **Board Minutes**

**October 14, 2024**

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, October 14, 2024 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Duane Smith, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Jeannine Murphy, Tim McAllister, Betty Meyer, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, Board Treasurer Jan Reimer, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking.

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He acknowledged that 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 October 3, 2024.

Chair Smidt moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Betty Meyer moved to approve the September meeting minutes; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to ratify payment of September 17, 2024 check #68777 to Meridian Public Schools, seconded by Vicki Hinz-Ensz. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

Carla Loemker moved to approve the October 14, 2024 Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$613,045.63; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

Betty Meyer moved to approve out-of-state travel March 13-15, 2025 for Nick Ziegler, Kelly Garcia, MaryAnn Johnson, Kim Ramirez, Joseba Moreno, Amy Wiedel, Marikarmen Vazquez, Dene' Oglesby and Christina Schroeder to attend the Central States World Language Conference in Kansas City; seconded by Tim McAllister. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote. Nick Ziegler and Kelly Garcia are presenters at the Conference.

Roger Smidt moved to declare a MacBook Air computer, serial number FVZ58GALYWG, as surplus and to dispose of properly. Kim Ramirez would like to purchase the computer for \$125.00; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 7-0 on roll call vote.

### **Administrative Updates:**

Administrator McNiff reported on the Nebraska "Grow Your Own" Teacher Apprenticeship Competitive Grant. The grant allows paraprofessionals having an Associate Degree or equivalent 60+ credit hours to earn a teaching degree through UNL classes over a period of approximately 18 months, while they are still working in schools. The grant will cover tuition and fees and provide a stipend to participating paraprofessionals. Participating districts ESU 5, ESU 6, and Lincoln Public Schools. The grant awards will be released in December.

Administrator McNiff gave an update on LB34 which adopted the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act and the School District Property Tax Relief Act. 2024 will be a “gap” year due to the timing of the tax relief measures but will not affect state funding for schools.

The annual audit of ESU 5 will be November 14 and 15, 2024.

**Public Comment:**

No one was in attendance to provide public comment on any items.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Chair Smidt moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m., seconded by Carla Loemker; motion passed by consensus. The next board meeting will be November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.



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