

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL  
 SERVICE UNIT NO. 13

The regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 13 (ESU 13) was called to order by President Mark Sinner on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 5:34 PM at the ESU 13 Southern Satellite Office, 361 College Drive, Sidney, NE. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 21-02 (Coronavirus-Continued Limited Waiver of Public Meetings Requirements), some members of the Board participated in the meeting by Zoom connection. Meeting notice was published in the Star-Herald on Friday, April 16, 2021.

President Sinner referenced the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted and noted that the Board reserves the right to rearrange the order of the agenda and to convene an executive session in accordance with § 84-1410.

Present: Diane Coon, Steve Diemoz, Don Egging, Tim Horn, Patricia Jones, Scott Marsh, Kim Marx, Tom Millette, Ray Richards, Mark Sinner, Dr. Andrew Dick - Administrator, Jodi Walker - Business Manager, and Desira Martin - Treasurer. Guests: Dr. Laura Barrett, Jadie Beam, Nicole Johnson, Amy Trauernicht, BJ Peters, and Donna Jenne.

Present by video conference: Heather Crofutt.

Absent: Bill Knapper.

Moved by Richards, seconded by Egging, that absent Board member, Bill Knapper, be excused. Aye: Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Horn, Jones, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Sinner. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Marx, seconded by Coon, that the agenda be approved as listed. Aye: Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Jones, Marsh, Millette, Richards, Sinner. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Egging, seconded by Horn, that consent action items be approved as listed (Minutes of March meeting, Treasurer's Report, Fund Balance Report, Budget Summary Report, staff travel, and claims). Aye: Diemoz, Jones, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

The following General Fund claims were approved for payment:

<b>April 20 Claims</b>	
Salaries, Benefits	\$893,509.48
Prof. & Tech. Services; Mileage	\$106,312.69
Leases, Utilities & Maintenance	\$21,022.98
Copies, Postage, Telephone & Travel	\$77,339.54
Supplies, Materials, Software & other Util.	\$113,970.74
Bldg. Improvements, Furn., Equipment, Hardware, Vehicle Acquisition	\$12,172.14
Transfer for Investments	\$0.00
Dues, Fees & Ind. Costs	\$5,052.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,379,380.33</b>

Calendar items were discussed.

No public forum.

Reports:

Nici Johnson and Donna Jenne gave an update to the Board regarding ESU 13's Strategic Plan Goal 5: ESU 13 will be well known and understood by external and internal stakeholders. Patricia Jones suggested that ESU 13 post academic contests and projects on our website to help promote academic competitions.

Amy Trauernicht, Professional Learning Coordinator and Steering Committee Chair, provided an overview of our internal and external survey results.

Steve Diemoz reported on his attendance at the Budget & Finance Workshop that took place on April 7th in Gering.

Donna Jenne, Director of Head Start, reported on the Head Start Federal Review that took place the week of April 6-9th. Areas of review included Program Design & Management, Education and Child Development, Child Health & Safety, Family & Community Engagement, and ERSEA. She will present the results to the Board when the report is available.

Head Start Director's Report and Policy Council Report for February - no discussion.

Administrator's Report:

- While Anderson-Shaw Construction is on site completing concrete work for the HVAC project, they will also pour an ADA accessible sidewalk for wheelchair access to the Meridian playground.
- The Facilities Assessment Report will be reviewed by the Building/Grounds committee prior to the May 18th Board meeting.

Board Member Comments: Tom Millette thanked the Sidney Chamber of Commerce for their part in the Sidney Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He also commended Fermin Hernandez and his maintenance team for all their work on the Sidney project.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:**

Moved by Millette, seconded by Marsh, that the Board approve the Board President's recommendation of the contract for Dr. Laura Barrett, Interim Administrator, for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$150,000.00. Aye: Egging, Horn, Jones, Marx, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Diemoz, seconded by Coon, that the Board approve the revised Head Start Disability & Transition Written Plan, the Mental Health Written Plan, and the Education Written Plan. Aye: Horn, Jones, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Crofutt, Egging. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Marx, that the Board approve the 1.22% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase for Head Start and Early Head Start employees that is being offered by the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. Aye: Marsh, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Horn. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Millette, seconded by Egging, that the Board approve the use of Local Substitute Teaching Permits for our student programs. Aye: Marsh, Marx, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Horn, Jones. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Egging, that the Board approve the proposed 2021-2022 program calendars for LifeLink, Meridian, Panhandle Beginnings, and VALTS. Aye: Marsh, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Horn. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Marsh, seconded by Marx, that the Board approve the certified employee contract with Irma Rios for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye: Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Jones. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Egging, seconded by Horn that the Board approve the certified Director contract for Deirdre Amundsen. Aye: Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Jones, Marsh, Marx. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Richards, seconded by Millette, that the Board approve the resignation, with regret, from Jadie Beam, Director of Professional Learning, effective June 30, 2021. Aye: Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Jones, Marsh, Marx. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Richards, seconded by Egging, that the Board approve the resignation, with regret, from Peggy Coulter, Meridian and LifeLink teacher, effective May 24, 2021. Aye: Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Horn, Jones, Marsh, Marx, Millette. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Marsh, seconded by Millette, that the Board approve the resignation from Alexandra Clear, Head Start teacher, effective May 24, 2021. Aye: Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Jones, Marx, Richards, Sinner. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Coon, seconded by Horn, that the Board approve the 2021-2022 payroll dates. Aye: Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Jones, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner. Nay: None. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Marx, seconded by Marsh, that the Board approve the quotation from Milliken & Company for the carpet/flooring materials in the amount of \$17,334.74. Aye: Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Jones, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Horn, seconded by Richards, that the Board approve the proposal from Cytek for the Zoom upgrade in Classroom 185 at the Harms Center not to exceed the amount of \$35,158.00. Aye: Egging, Jones, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz. Nay: none. Absent: Knapper. Motion passed.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Millette, that the above listed minutes be approved as read. Aye: Horn, Marsh, Marx, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging. Nay: none. Absent: None. Motion passed.

President Sinner declared the regular meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Due to a construction project at the Main Office, the meeting will be held at the Harms Center, 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff, NE.