

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, March 16, 2021, at 7:02 PM at the ESU 13 Main Office, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, 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 Saturday, March 13, 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: Bill Knapper, Scott Marsh, Tom Millette, Ray Richards, Mark Sinner, Dr. Andrew Dick - Administrator, Jodi Walker - Business Manager, and Desira Martin - Treasurer. Guests: Dr. Laura Barrett, BJ Peters, and Donna Jenne.

Present by video conference: Diane Coon, Steve Diemoz, Heather Crofutt, Don Egging, Tim Horn, Patricia Jones, and Kim Marx.

Absent: None.

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

Moved by Jones, seconded by Horn, that consent action items be approved as listed (Minutes of February meeting, Minutes of March 8 Special Board Meeting, Treasurer’s Report, Fund Balance Report, Budget Summary Report, staff travel, and claims). Aye: Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Knapper, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

The following General Fund claims were approved for payment:

<b>March 16 Claims</b>	
Salaries, Benefits	\$892,258.34
Prof. & Tech. Services; Mileage	\$92,023.69
Leases, Utilities & Maintenance	\$22,633.79
Copies, Postage, Telephone & Travel	\$72,054.06
Supplies, Materials, Software & other Util.	\$68,292.39
Bldg. Improvements, Furn., Equipment, Hardware, Vehicle Acquisition	\$124,870.34
Transfer for Investments	0.00
Dues, Fees & Ind. Costs	\$92,844.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,364,977.54</b>

Calendar items were discussed.

No public forum.

Reports:

Strategic Plan Goal #5 Update was postponed until the April 20th Board meeting.

Donna Jenne, Director of Head Start, informed the Board that the Continuation Grant for 2021-2022 was approved for \$3.3 million.

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

Administrator's Report:

- The 2019-2020 ESU 13 Audit Report was reviewed and discussed.
- KSO CPAs + Advisors will not be providing our audit for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Requests for proposals will be mailed out.
- The HVAC and Computer Lab project startup construction schedule was shared. Construction work will begin May 3, 2021.
- Due to the construction taking place, the May and June Board meetings will be moved to the Harms Center.

Board Member Comments: Patricia Jones presented the idea to start posting district contests on our website to help promote academic competitions. More discussion will take place at the April Board meeting as this aligns with Strategic Goal #5.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:**

Moved by Knapper, seconded by Richards, that the Board approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to appoint Dr. Laura Barrett as the ESU 13 Interim Administrator for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and to allow the Board President to negotiate the contract for said period of time. The contract will be on the agenda at the April Board meeting. Aye: Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Jones, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

Moved by Marsh, seconded by Horn, that the Board approve the revised Head Start Fiscal Written Plans. Aye: Egging, Jones, Knapper, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

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

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

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

Moved by Richards, seconded by Marsh, that the Board accept the bid from Chad Hrbek for the sale of the former ESU 13 Sidney building, address being 1114 Toledo Street, Sidney, Nebraska, in the amount of \$105,000.00. Aye: Marx, Millette, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Jones, Knapper. Nay: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

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

President Sinner declared the regular meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 beginning at 5:30 PM at the ESU 13 Sidney Office, 361 College

Drive, Sidney, NE. Board members may follow the Governor's Executive Order No. 21-02 (Coronavirus-Continued Limited Waiver of public Meetings Requirements) through April 30, 2021.