

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, August 17, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the ESU 13 Main Office, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE. Meeting notice was published in the Star-Herald on Thursday, August 12, 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, Heather Crofutt, Steve Diemoz, Don Egging, Tim Horn, Bill Knapper, Scott Marsh, Kim Marx, Tom Millette, Ray Richards, Mark Sinner, Dr. Laura Barrett - Interim Administrator, Jodi Walker, Business Manager, and Desira Martin - Treasurer. Guests: Krystie Hohnstein and Jacey Marietta.

Absent: Patricia Jones

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

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

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

The following General Fund claims were approved for payment:

August 17, 2021 Claims	
Salaries, Benefits	\$848,326.01
Prof. & Tech. Services; Mileage	\$99,159.54
Leases, Utilities & Maintenance	\$20,414.17
Copies, Postage, Telephone & Travel	\$20,661.80
Supplies, Materials, Software & other Util.	\$158,105.18
Bldg. Improvements, Furn., Equipment, Hardware, Vehicle Acquisition	\$36,904.90
Transfer for Investments	\$300,000.00
Dues, Fees & Ind. Costs	\$3,536.65
Total	\$1,487,108.25

Calendar items were discussed. Kim Marx will be attending the NASB Area Membership meeting in Gering on August 24, 2021.

No public forum.

Reports:

Head Start Director's Report for July - no discussion.

Administrator's Report:

- On April 1st, NDE conducted a monitoring review of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title 1C-Migrant Education Program. All necessary documentation has been received and meets the ESSA requirements. Some highlights of their visit included: the organization of documented professional development activities; organization and completeness of the recruiter ID&R plans; and the professionalism and dedication of ESU 13 MEP staff. No corrective actions are required as a result of the ESSA monitoring review.
- The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Nebraska Department of Education Special Education Department have received a grant to address the special education teacher shortage in Nebraska. ESU 13 will be a partner in this effort to develop effective induction and mentoring modules as well as working with school administrators for strategies in retaining early career special education teachers.
- ESU 13 has been selected as one of the 2020-2021 SAFETY HONOR ROLL ESU's in the ALICAP pool, according to Megan Boldt, Director of ALICAP.

Board Member Comments: Ray Richards is attending the Head Start Policy Council meetings and relayed to the members that the meeting is well represented by all members of the council. Board member Diane Coon also attends.

Old Business: Moved by Horn, seconded by Marsh that the proposed Board Policy - Article 3, Section 4 (Funds Management) be approved. Aye: Egging, Knapper, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz. Nay: none. Absent: Jones. Motion passed.

New Business:

Moved by Marx, seconded by Coon, that the Board approve the amendment of food program prices for the Panhandle Beginnings Day Treatment Student Handbook, and the addition of the Nondiscrimination Statement to the Panhandle Beginnings Day Treatment and Meridian Student Handbook. Aye: Horn, Knapper, Marsh, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging. Nay: none. Absent: Jones. Motion passed.

Moved by Marsh, seconded by Marx, that the Board approve the submission of waivers for partnerships with double session classrooms enrolling more than 17 children with under 50% of students being three year olds per Head Start Performance Standards 1302.21(b) and 1302.24. Aye: Knapper, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Horn. Nay: none. Absent: Jones. Motion passed.

Moved by Richards, seconded by Horn, that the Board approve the recommendation from the Interim Administrator to contract with Hands On Cleaning in the amount of \$1,650.79 per month for janitorial services at the Child Development Center, 3118 17th Avenue, Scottsbluff, NE. Aye: Knapper, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging. Nay: none. Absent: Jones. Motion passed.

Moved by Diemoz, seconded by Millette, that the Board approve the date changes for the regular Board meetings to November 9th and December 14th, 2021. Aye: Marsh, Marx, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Egging, Horn, Knapper. Nay: none. Absent: Jones. Motion passed.

Moved by Coon, seconded by Marsh, that the Board approve the Pandemic Response Plan and allow the Interim Administrator to make amendments as needed. Aye: Marx, Millette,

Richards, Sinner, Crofutt, Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Knapper. Nay: none. Absent: Jones. Motion passed.

Moved by Knapper, seconded by Crofutt, that the Board approve the Resolution to Increase Restricted Funds Authority by an additional 1%. Aye: Millette, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Diemoz, Egging, Horn, Marsh, Marx. Nay: none. Absent: Jones. Motion passed.

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

President Sinner declared the regular meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 following the Budget Hearing, and Tax Request Hearing at ESU 13 Main Office, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE.