

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, July 20, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Harms Center, 2620 College Park, Room 188, Scottsbluff, NE. Meeting notice was published in the Star-Herald on Friday, July 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, Heather Crofutt, Steve Diemoz, Patricia Jones, Bill Knapper, Scott Marsh, Kim Marx, Tom Millette, Ray Richards, Mark Sinner, Dr. Laura Barrett - Interim Administrator, and Desira Martin - Treasurer. Guests: Krystie Hohnstein, Tom Peacock, Deirdre Amundsen, and Jacey Marietta.

Absent: Don Egging and Tim Horn.

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

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

Moved by Coon, seconded by Jones, that consent action items be approved as listed (Minutes of June meeting, Treasurer's Report, Fund Balance Report, Budget Summary Report, Certificated Staff hires: Leah Reed, contingent on release from Thompson School District, and Katherine Peters, staff travel, and claims). Aye: Diemoz, Knapper, Marsh, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner, Crofutt. Nay: none. Absent: Egging, Horn. Motion passed.

The following General Fund claims were approved for payment:

July 20, 2021 Claims	
Salaries, Benefits	\$881,138.05
Prof. & Tech. Services; Mileage	\$138162.39
Leases, Utilities & Maintenance	\$31,837.80
Copies, Postage, Telephone & Travel	\$36,168.71
Supplies, Materials, Software & other Util.	\$160,696.86
Bldg. Improvements, Furn., Equipment, Hardware, Vehicle Acquisition	\$140,425.88
Transfer for Investments	\$400,000.00
Dues, Fees & Ind. Costs	\$18,410.68
Total	\$1,806,840.37

Calendar items were discussed. Knapper, Diemoz, Jones, Sinner will be attending the NASB

Area Membership meeting in Gering.

No public forum.

Reports:

Dr. Barrett introduced new program directors - Deirdre Amundsen, Director of Professional Learning, Tom Peacock, Director of Alternative Education, and Krystie Hohnstein, Interim Head Start Director. She also introduced Jacey Marietta, ESU 13's new Community Engagement/Marketing staff member.

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

Krystie Hohnstein, Interim Head Start Director, explained to the Board that a waiver is being requested to move forward with a Change in Scope – Locally Designed Option waiver for Gering Public School District partnership to increase the class size for a group serving predominantly three year old children from 15 children to 20 children in a double session class per Head Start Performance Standards 1302.21(b) and 1302.24.

Administrator's Report:

- ESU 13 Staff Developer, Dr. Julie Downing and Kim Snyder from NDE have had their proposal accepted to present at AESA's Annual Conference highlighting the partnership between NDE and ESU 13 in Julie's position of teacher development in SEED (Supporting Educator Effectiveness through Development).
- November and December Board meeting dates were discussed due to conflicts with other meetings. Board members will be contacted for confirmation of attendance on November 9th and December 14th. This change will be on August's Board agenda.
- Dr. Barrett gave a facility project update. The HVAC and Computer Lab remodel completion date is projected for August 1st. Head Start ELC location has new playground equipment. The Head Start Bridgeport location received a bathroom remodel, new flooring, painting, and new electrical and plumbing for a washer and dryer. New security cameras have been installed at the Harms Center location.
- Dr. Katie Carrizales is partnering with UNL on a new IES grant. This grant is designed to test the efficacy of a virtual professional development program for increasing local practitioner capacity to deliver the intervention called Teachers and Parents as Partners (TAPP).
- Legal Counsel has been contacted regarding providing services to a district not within our geographical area. It is the Board consensus to allow a contract for services with the district.

Old Business: Proposed Board Policy - Article 3, Section 4 (Funds Management) was presented as first reading. No action taken.

New Business:

Moved by Millette, seconded by Marx, that the Board approve the bid from Gering Public Schools for the lunch program at Panhandle Beginnings Day Treatment for the 2021-2022 school year. Aye: Jones, Knapper, Marsh, Richards, Sinner, Coon, Crofutt, Diemoz. Nay: none. Absent: Egging, Horn. Motion passed.

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

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

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

President Sinner declared the regular meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at ESU 13 Main Office, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE.