

BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT NO. 13 (ESU 13)

Tuesday - April 18, 2023

Location - ESU 13 Main Office, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE

Board Member Group Picture - 6:00 PM

Dinner - 6:30 PM

Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

A. Call to Order

1. Meeting is governed by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted.
2. The ESU 13 Board reserves the right to rearrange the order of the agenda.
3. The ESU 13 Board reserves the right to convene an executive session in accordance with § 84-1410.

B. Excuse Absent Board Member(s) (Motion Necessary for Approval)

C. Sparq Data Electronic Meeting Training

D. Approval of Agenda (Motion Necessary for Approval)

Consent Action Items (Motion Necessary for Approval)

- Minutes of meeting (March regular meeting)
- Treasurer's Report
- Fund Balance
- Budget Report
- Claims for Disbursement
- Certified Staff Resignations for 2023-2024
 - Sara Peterson, Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Certified Staff Contract Hires/Changes for 2023-2024
 - Angela Borgmann, Early Childhood Teacher
 - Cierra Weatherfield, Inclusive Practices Mentor/Coach
 - Katherine Kleine, Teacher, Speech/Language Pathology
 - Jeff Jackson, Teacher, Panhandle Beginnings
 - Maria Hill, Teacher, Panhandle Beginnings

Calendar

- **April 26, 2023** - Administrative Advisory Council - ESU 13 Main Office - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **April 28, 2023** - Meridian Prom - Western Nebraska Regional Airport - 6:00 PM
- **May 11, 2023** - VALTS Graduation - HARMS Center - 11:45 AM
- **May 12, 2023** - LifeLink Graduation - HARMS Center - 1:00 PM
- **May 16, 2023** - Regular Board Meeting

- **May 19, 2023** - Meridian Graduation - ESU 13 Main Office - 1:00 PM
- **May 24, 2023** - All Staff In-service - Gering Civic Center - 8:30 AM
- **June 14 & 15, 2023** - NASB School Leaders & Law Conference - Kearney

Public Forum:

- Time limit for each person is three (3) minutes; no response or action taken by the Board.

Reports

- NRCSA Spring Conference (Jones)
- Head Start Director's Report and Policy Council Report for February; GOLD Outcomes (uploaded to the Board Materials webpage)
- Administrator's Report ([Appendix A](#))
- Board Committee Reports
- Board Member Comments

E. Business

1. Camp Scott Bus Usage

Camp Scott, a social and recreational program for developmentally disabled children and adolescents, ages 7-21, has inquired to use ESU 13 buses. We have received a letter outlining their insurance coverage (uploaded to the Board materials).

Recommendation: Board decision.

2. Employee Vision Plan Benefit

Our three year vision contract is up for renewal. We currently utilize VSP, however, there are now two options for the renewal package with VSP, Choice plan and Advantage Plan. The personnel committee met on April 12 to discuss the options and recommends VSP Choice Plan B.

Recommendation: Move to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to renew the VSP Choice Plan B.

3. Mental Health Proclamation

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. In an effort to demonstrate ESU 13's support and promotion of Mental Health Awareness and Advocacy, ESU 13 proposes the consideration of the adoption of a Mental Health Month Proclamation ([Appendix B](#)).

Recommendation: Move to adopt ESU 13's Mental Health Month Proclamation.

F. Approval of Minutes (Motion necessary for Approval)

G. Adjournment

Appendix A

Administrator Notes

April 2023

Juvenile Detention Center

As you may have read, there is interest to open a Juvenile Detention Center in our area again. I have reached out to the Scotts Bluff County Commissioners & Sheriff's Department to offer to be a part of the conversation as it relates to the education of the youth that would be in the center. Sheriff Overman is going to attend the April Advisory Council meeting.

Survey Results

A summary of the internal and external survey has been provided in the board resources.

Leadership and Classified Compensation

The Personnel Committee met on 4/12/23 and gave feedback on compensation for leadership and classified staff. Information will be shared with them and a proposal for increases will come at a future board meeting.

Facility Updates

- Re-keying has taken place in the original part of the building and we uncovered that the conference rooms were not keyed to the master. By the end of the summer we will have one master key for all office doors in the Ave I space.
- We are on track to start the HVAC Phase II Update on May 30, 2023.
- We are in the process of updating our controlled entry system to be consistent with our other locations and software.
- We will be updating the phone system at CDC & Bridgeport which will put all locations except Chadron on the same VOIP system which makes communication between buildings easier.

Nebraska State Commissioner of Education

The interviews for the commissioner were held on March 30, 2023. Brian Maher was hired. He has experience as a superintendent in Nebraska and has most recently been working in the South Dakota University system. He will begin on July 1, 2023.

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Appendix B

Mental Health Month Proclamation

“Look Around, Look Within”

WHEREAS, the area that someone lives in plays a significant role in their overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, surroundings can impact if, how, and when a person’s needs are met, which in turn affects mental health; and

WHEREAS, having safe, stable, and healthy home conditions set the foundation for achieving and maintaining good mental health; and

WHEREAS, with early and effective interventions, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization, and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

THEREFORE, I, Mark Sinner, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Mental Health Month. As the Board Chairman, I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in our ESU service region to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.