

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

TUESDAY - September 20, 2022

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

BUDGET HEARING - 7:00 PM

A. Call to Order

- Hearing is governed by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted

B. Review of ESU 13 Budget for 2022-2023

Governing body will meet for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2022-2023 budget for the operation of ESU 13 (§ 13-501 to 13-513).

C. Adjournment

TAX REQUEST HEARING - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

A. Call to Order

- Hearing is governed by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted.

B. Review of Resolution Setting the ESU 13 2022-2023 Final Tax Request

Governing body will meet for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the proposed final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request (§ 77-1601.02).

Year	Tax Request	Levy	Valuation
2021-2022	\$1,858,944.39	.01548877	\$12,002,109,891
2022-2023	\$1,921,274.70	.01544537	\$12,439,156,929

C. Adjournment

REGULAR MEETING - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

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. Approval of Agenda (Motion Necessary for Approval)

Consent Action Items (Motion Necessary for Approval)

- Minutes of Regular Meeting (August 2022)
- Treasurer's Report
- Fund Balance
- Budget Report
- Claims for Disbursement

Calendar

- **September 27, 2022** - District 48 Legislative Candidate Hardin - 4:30-6:30 PM (location TBD)
- **October 5-6, 2022** - NCSA/NASB Labor Relations Conference - Lincoln (Knapper)
- **October 18, 2022** - Regular Board Meeting
- **October 21, 2022** - All Staff Inservice Gering Civic Center - Shot Clinic
- **October 28, 2022** - ESU Offices Closed
- **November 16-18, 2022** - State Education Conference - CHI Health Center, Omaha (Diemoz)
- **November 30-December 2, 2022** - AESA Annual Conference - Atlanta, GA (Please let Desira know by September 30th)

Public Forum:

- Time limit for each person is three (3) minutes.

Reports

- NASB Area Membership Meeting - August 29th (Coon, Diemoz, Horn, Knapper, Marx, Richards, Sinner, Winchester)
- Head Start Director's Report and Policy Council Activity Report for August (Uploaded to the Board material webpage)
- Administrator's Report ([Appendix A](#))
- Board Member Comments

D. Business

1. Proposed 2022-2023 Budget for ESU 13

A copy of the budget has been uploaded to the website. The proposed budget reflects an increase over last year's adopted budget. The increase is in part due

to program expansions, new grants, additional funds for Head Start, and increased department staffing. The Finance Committee reviewed the budget on September 6, 2022.

Recommendation: Move to approve the 2022-2023 proposed budget for the operation of ESU 13 in the amount of \$20,411,633.

2. Resolution Setting the 2022-2023 Final Tax Request

The property tax request for the prior year will be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the governing body passes by a majority vote a *Resolution* setting the tax request at a different amount. (Appendix B).

Recommendation: Move to approve the *Resolution* setting the 2022-2023 property tax request at \$1,921,274.70.

3. NASB Ballot for Region #18 Candidates

Doug Keener, Mitchell Public Schools and Susan Ernest, Leyton Public Schools have been nominated for the NASB Board of Directors, Region #18. The person chosen to represent Region #18 will be formally approved at the November 16, 2022, NASB Board Meeting. Region directors will officially take office at the end of Delegate Assembly in November. The candidate nomination forms have been uploaded to the Board Member material webpage.

Recommendation: Review, discuss and take necessary action to formally vote and submit ESU 13's ballot for the Region #18 Candidate.

E. Approval of Minutes (Motion necessary for Approval)

F. Adjournment

**Appendix A
Administrator Notes
September 2022**

Board Member Recognition for NASB

The Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB), Board of Directors and staff, recognized four ESU 13 Board members as 2022 Award of Achievement recipients during the Area Membership meeting that took place on Monday, August 29th. Board members are awarded for their advocacy efforts, participation in NASB Services and Programs, as well as attendance at NASB workshops and events.

- Level II Tim Horn
- Level III Scott Marsh
- Level IV Diane Coon
- Level IV Don Egging

Audit scheduled

Our 2021-2022 audit with Dana F. Cole & Co. is scheduled for November 14th-18th.

ESU 13 Educational Foundation

The ESU 13 Foundation is officially formed. It has been set up as a 501c3 organization. In the coming months, Jacey Marietta will work with the Foundation board to set a plan for their work and fundraising.

ALICAP Inspection Report

On August 31, 2022, NASB Loss Prevention Consultant, Ken Navratil performed ESU's yearly inspection. We received positive feedback on the safety measures in place. Our "Experience Modifier" for 2022-2023 is 0.80. Last year, it was 0.78 and the year before that was 0.72. A copy of the report has been uploaded to the Board Member materials webpage.

Chadron Office Space

We will be moving into new office space in Chadron State College. Previously our offices were in Crites Hall and we had meeting rooms in Miller Hall and Old Admin. Now all of our offices and our meeting room will be in Burkheiser Hall.

Cooperative Purchasing Savings

ESU 13 member schools and partners saved \$495,361.05 through ESUCC Cooperative Purchasing. The summary of the sales and savings are uploaded to the Board materials webpage for your review.

Nebraska Department of Labor American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Teacher Retention Grants

This grant program provides premium pay to support the recruitment and retention of (1) educators in the subject areas of mathematics, science, and career and technical education; and (2) childcare

and early childhood education providers. We are exploring which of our positions are eligible for this program and how the funds impact staff and the ESU.

Certified Staff Negotiations

Renee Miller, President , ESU 13 Education Association, has sent a letter to initiate negotiations for the 2023-2024 school year. The letter has been uploaded to the Board Materials webpage.

Appendix B

RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2022-2023 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT NO. 13 (ESU13)

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of ESU 13 passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of ESU 13, resolves that:

1. The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at:

Fund	Tax Request	Levy
General	\$1,862,214.70	.014970586
Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 59,060.00	.000474791
Total	\$1,921,274.70	.015445377

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 3.64%.

2021 Valuation	2022 Valuation
\$12,002,109,891	\$12,439,156,926

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.014944 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. ESU 13 proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.015445 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of ESU 13 will increase last year’s budget by 12%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt this *Resolution* setting the Property Tax Request this 20th day of September, 2022.

Roll call vote as follows:

Board Member	Yes	No
Diane Coon		
Steve Diemoz		
Don Egging		
Tim Horn		

Patricia Jones		
William Knapper		
Scott Marsh		
Kim Marx		
Tom Millette		
Ray Richards		
Mark Sinner		
Caroline Winchester		

The undersigned herewith certifies as President of the Board of ESU 13 that the above stated *RESOLUTION* was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

President of the Board _____