

ESU #13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Regular Meeting – 10:00 AM
ESU #13 Center, 4021 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE

- Present: Dr. Troy Unzicker, Lana Sides, Travis Miller, Dr. Caroline Winchester, Kirk Hughes, Ron Howard, Dr. Paula Sissel, Bob Hastings, Russell Lechtenberg, Casper Ningen, Tim Cody, Kathy Urbanek, Mike Williams, Jay Ehler, Don King (CSC), Ellen Dillon (WNCC-Scottsbluff), Julie Newman (WNCC-Scottsbluff), Dr. Jeff West, Desira Martin-Administrative Assistant, BJ Peters, Craig Hicks, Laura Barrett, Kiowa Rogers, Jadie Beam, Dr. Katie Carrizales, George Schlothauer, Paul Smith, and Nici Johnson.
- Absent: Chuck Lambert, Lori Liggett, Kent Halley, Lorrie Miller, Joe Sherwood, Rick Myles, Dr. Brett Gies, Dr. Kim Dale (WNCC-Scottsbluff), Paula Abbott (WNCC-Sidney), Robin Iossi (WNCC-Alliance), Donna Jenne
- Guests: Dr. Matthew Blomstedt – Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Education
David Ludwig – Executive Director, ESU Coordinating Council
Gary Shoemaker – Superintendent, Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area

Welcome/Introductions: Introductions were given.

Superintendent Items for Discussion: None

Dr. Matthew Blomstedt – Commissioner, NDE

Overview:

NDE is diligently working to align to the ESSA implementation plan. Dr. Blomstedt gave an overview of the legislative session and stated that the culture of the legislature has changed. He stated that we are fortunate to have Senator Stinner as a member of the Appropriations Committee as he is a solid ally for education. NDE will continue to address challenges in early childhood across the state to try and balance out the needs. There is work to do to address the early childhood workforce.

The passage of LB803 gives the State Board of Education the statutory authority to allow a waiver for an early childhood program.

Unfortunately, LB998 (Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Program) was vetoed by the Governor.

Dr. West thanked Dr. Blomstedt for his support of LB803 and his willingness to listen and understand that the entire state is different. He appreciates that there is good communication and that it is important for schools to know that ESUs and NDE work together.

David Ludwig – Executive Director, ESU Coordinating Council

Highlights from the presentation:

Mr. Ludwig states there is a positive coalition to support education and no longer a “divide and conquer” atmosphere. The relationship between NDE and ESUCC continues to bring joint representation to focus on school district needs. Regarding LB998, ESUCC will begin putting together a system of support and discuss the needs of schools. ESUCC is going through a “redesign” process with the motto “If you could have what you want, what would you have?” Below is the link to the presentation.

[Mr. Ludwig's Powerpoint](#)

Gary Shoemaker – Superintendent, Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area

There are free resources for schools provided by the Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area. The programs they offer can be provided at the school including after school programs such as Outdoor Skills. There is full time educator on staff. They also have a wildlife bird expert that can come to the school. There is a National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) that is offered for grades 4-5 which can be set up in a gym. He suggested letting PE teachers and coaches know about the programs.

Cathy McDaniel – Oregon Trail Community Foundation:

Cathy wasn't able to make the meeting but forwarded the following presentation:

[Community Foundation Grant Report](#)
[Rachel's Challenge-ESU Presentation](#)
[Rachel's Challenge intro letter](#)

Panhandle Early Childhood Services Update (Nici Johnson):

Nici is grateful for participation at the Panhandle Buffett Event on April 10th. Superintendents who were there thought that it was valuable.

Nici has Brain Architecture Games to loan out for use with Boards, Staff, etc.

Rooted in Relationship initiative is having child care partner meetings in May in Chadron, Alliance, two in Scottsbluff with DL from Sidney.

Upcoming Community Training Opportunities:

- Bridges Out of Poverty - April 30, May 1
- Adverse Childhood Experiences Study with Dr. Felitte - June 20

ESU #13 2016-2017 Proposed *Menu of Services*:

In compliance with Nebraska State Statute 79-1204, 2a, "*ESUs shall act primarily as service agencies in providing core services and services identified and requested by member school districts.*" Therefore, member districts need to take official action to approve our proposed ***Menu of Services*** for 2018-2019.

Moved by Cody, seconded by Lechtenberg, that the proposed *Menu of Services* for 2018-2019 be approved and recommended to the ESU #13 Board for funding. Aye: All. Nay: none. Absent: Lambert, Liggett, Halley, Miller, Sherwood, Myles, Gies. Motion passed.

Superintendents submitted signed ***Member School District Reply Forms***.

Administrator's Report:

- ESU #13 would like to get more information about our services to school district staff. ESU #13 could send our staff to their in-service that takes place at the beginning of a new school year. After further discussion, the schools will get back to Dr. West if they would like us to come.

ESU #13 could send information for districts to add in their school newsletters. A suggestion was made to highlight a department at ESU 13 each month and send it to the districts.

- Future Administrator Webinar Series by Perry Law Firm
 - May 8, 2018 – Common Graduation Scenarios and How to Address Them

Director Reports: (Please see the Department reports below the Agenda. Additional comments are below.

IOP (Intensive Outpatient Program) (Katie Carrizales): Below is the link for a referral:

<https://esu13.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ART/5a6a566dbf974>

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION (George Schlothauer): They will be offering Odessey summer school again this year.

PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES (Paul Smith): CPI training requirements have changed. The training will need more hours. Please let Paul know your needs.