

Minutes of Meeting
ESU 13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 26th, 2019
2:00 PM
ESU 13, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff NE

Present:

Dr. Evelyn Browne, Dr. Caroline Winchester, Patrick Ningen, Jess Underwood, Bob Hastings, Russell Lechtenberg, Charles Isom, Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Chris Geary, Tim Cody, Kathy Urbanek, Rick Myles, Dr. Brett Gies, Don King, Ellen Dillon, Dr. Andrew Dick, Jadie Beam, Dr. Pam Brezenski, Danielle Cole, Nici Johnson, Desira Martin, B.J. Peters, George Schlothauer, Paul Smith

Absent:

Dr. Troy Unzicker, Dr. Travis Miller, Chuck Lambert, Kirk Hughes, Lori Liggett, Joe Sherwood, Adam Patrick, Jay Ehler, Julia Newman, Paula Abbott, Dr. Katie Carrizales

Introductions:

Jess Underwood, Superintendent, Garden County School District, introduced himself to everyone.

Adam Patrick, Superintendent, Potter-Dix School District, was unable to attend the meeting.

Chuck Elley, Retired State Trooper - Overview of Presentations Offered for Staff and Students K-12

Chuck Elley informed the group that through foundation contributions and donations, he is able to give presentations to school district staff and/or students on topics such as:

- Current Drug Trends
- Drug Identification
- Signs and Symptoms of Impairment
- Personal Safety for Staff From Someone Impaired
- Peer Pressure/Drugs and Making Good Choices
- School Violence
- Crash Dynamics and the Importance of Wearing Seatbelts
- Impaired and Distracted Driving
- "I Love You Guys" SRP
- Active Shooter Preparedness

These presentations are free to ESU 13 school districts. His presentations are each geared towards different groups. For example, Peer Pressure is presented to students grades 4-8; Internet Safety for students 6-8 grades.

Mr. Elley suggests inviting local law enforcement and state troopers into the school or have a presence in the school parking lot to build rapport, or be a deterrent.

To contact Chuck Elley to schedule a presentation or if you have any questions, please call him at 308-631-0253.

Lori Biesecker - Technology Integration Specialist, ESU 13 - Perkins Update

Lori requested that the Superintendents give feedback by taking the Perkins V Survey. The Perkins budget this year is \$86,907.

Link to survey:

www.bit.ly/PerkinsVSurvey

Lori also reviewed that the *Nebraska Digital Citizenship Symposium* will be held at ESU 13 on Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. (MST). Teams consist of 4 students (Grades 4-8) and 2 adults.

Link to flyer:

[Nebraska Digital Citizenship Symposium flyer](#)

Erin Howard, Transportation Safety Manager of the Nebraska Safety Center - 2019 Pupil Transportation Rules 91 & 92

Information regarding the revisions of Rule 91 and Rule 92 that went into effect on 7/1/19 were reviewed. Specific points covered:

- Level expirations will now be sent via email
- School bus drivers take 11 hour Level I instruction course which is good for 5 years as long as they maintain a valid Medical Examiner's Certificate-short form every two years, and complete Level II training (3 hour class) after 5 years, making sure they complete Level II training before 5 years expires.
- Drivers of small vehicles take Level I training for the first 3 hours of school bus drivers.
- Employers shall annually provide a minimum of two hours of in-service training for all pupil transportation vehicle drivers that, at a minimum, include emergency evacuations, loading/unloading, student management, vehicle inspections and the school's Safe Pupil Transportation Plan. Employers can cover the training or Nebraska Safety center can provide In-Service training.

The question was asked by ESU 13 if they could hold a large training here because it is difficult for district employees to travel to outlying towns when the DL option is full. This is an option, but each district would be billed \$250.00.

It is difficult to find instructors to teach the course. If they can find instructors, they could separate the level training and have more frequent trainings.

Rules Summary of Major Revisions to NDE rule 91 and 92 can be found at:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/pupil-transportation/rules/>.

[Nebraska Requirements for New Pupil Transportation Drivers](#)

[Nebraska Requirements for Current Qualified Drivers of Pupil Transportation](#)

For more information, please visit the website at www.unk.edu/bus

Highlights of Administrator's Report

- ESU 13 will continue to send monthly department newsletters to the district administrator for publication in their own school newsletter.
- Ideas for round table discussions were presented. New superintendents would like to network with those who have more experience. Directors will also be available before and after the meeting to help answer questions.
- Ideas for topics include:
 - K-3 Reading
 - Vaping
 - Emergency Safety Plan
 - Security Cameras
 - Budget
 - School Board Issues
 - Recruiting and Retaining Staff
- Don King, Chadron State College, provided information regarding the CSC/ESU 13 partnership for student teachers. The pilot has demonstrated a positive result with 32 students currently enrolled.
[Link to CSC Student Teaching and ESU 13 Partnership training dates](#)