

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**ESU 13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**  
**10:00 AM**  
**ESU 13, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff NE**

**Round Table discussion on recruiting and retaining staff took place at 9:00 AM**

**Round Table discussion on Emergency Safety Plan took place at 9:30**

**Present at Regular Meeting**

Dr. Troy Unzicker, Dr. Evelyn Browne, Dr. Caroline Winchester, Kirk Hughes, Patrick Ningen, Bob Hastings, Lori Liggett, Russell Lechtenberg, Charles Isom, Chris Geary, Tim Cody, Kathy Urbanek, Joe Sherwood, Rick Myles, Jay Ehler, Dr. Brett Gies, Dr. Andrew Dick, Jadie Beam, Dr. Pam Brezenski, Dr. Katie Carriazales, Danielle Cole, Nici Johnson, Desira Martin, B.J. Peters, George Schlothauer, Paul Smith

**Absent:**

Dr. Travis Miller, Chuck Lambert, Jess Underwood, Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Adam Patrick, Don King, Ellen Dillon, Julia Newman, Paula Abbott.

**Superintendent's Items for Discussion:** None.

**Administrator's Report:**

- Dr. Dick will be attending the LR 63 hearing on October 4th in Lincoln. LR 63 is an interim study to examine educational service units introduced by Senator Linehan. Several letters of support for ESU 13 were submitted by superintendents, a student service director, a principal, parents of students who have benefited from our programs, and Board members. Kraig Lofquist, Executive Director of ESUCC, will be testifying at the hearing.
- ESU 13 is researching a new website design. Our goal is to have a design and communication plan that will aide in telling our story and better communicate what programs and services we have to offer. ESU 13 would be open to partnering with other districts who are also struggling with website design.
- ESU 13 is considering converting our computer lab into a Maker Space or other more purposeful space. Members of the tech team gave a demonstration of our new VR headsets. We can bring the kit to schools to do virtual tours. The tour is guided by a phone and have scripts that go along with the VR experience. There are over 8,000 expeditions available. Students can even create their own field trip. Please contact Lori Biesecker or Craig Hicks for school demonstrations.

Discussion took place regarding Maker Space and trailers or carts. Some districts are utilizing this concept with after school program grant dollars, however, more sophisticated equipment such as 3D printers and vinyl cutters would be appreciated. ESU tech staff could facilitate the Maker Space trailer/cart.

ESU 13 now has a poster printer in Sidney office. It can print posters up to 42 inches. Contact Lori Biesecker for posters.

- Dr. Dick would be willing to attend school district Board meetings to give an update on our services. He recently facilitated a Board retreat in Creek Valley. Contact Dr. Dick for more information.
- Future ESU AAC Meetings
  - Wednesday, October 23, 2019 (Hosted from Chadron)
    - Dr. Cinde Wendell from I Love Public Schools
  - November - no meeting scheduled
  - Wednesday, December 11, 2019 (via DL) (moved up two weeks)
  - Wednesday, January 22, 2020 (Hosted by Scottsbluff Public Schools)
    - Lane Carr and Dr. Shirley Vargas, Directors of Accountability and AQuESTT
  - Wednesday, February 26, 2020 (via DL and hosted from Sidney)
  - March - no meeting scheduled (NRCSA Conference)
  - Wednesday, April 22, 2020 (Hosted from Gering Public Schools)
- Legal Webinars Available
  - KSB School Law 2019-2020 Webinar Series
    - November 12, 2019 - Special Education
    - February 11, 2020 - Personnel
    - March 24, 2020 - Title IX
- Dr. Dick congratulated Mr. Bob Hastings on the ribbon cutting ceremony at Gering Public Schools that took place on Monday, September 23rd.

### **Other Director Report Highlights (not included in Directors Reports)**

**Special Services:** LifeLink students will have college age mentors from the WNCC basketball and volleyball teams. In addition, the LifeLink students will be collaborating with the WNCC Drama department to put on puppet shows and skits that address bullying, mental health awareness and other concepts youth might face. They call themselves Stand Up and Speak Out. and will present to elementary schools after January.

Fairbanks reimbursements were discussed. There is a Fairbanks meeting on October 16th. Ideas on how to capture MIPS funds will be discussed. Email Pam Brezenski with suggestions.

**Title 1C Migrant Education:** the program will be turning in more data on students to the state, therefore, our service providers will need to have access to Powerschool to help gather information.

**Alternative Ed:** there will be a \$160 increase per student per year for the VALTS program.

**Early Childhood:** Kim Bodensteiner will be leaving the Buffett Institute. Community for Kids and First Five are other programs that are gaining momentum around the state and are detailed around communities.

A suggestion for a round table was "Daycare" and school support for childcare.

**Tech:** B.J. gave an update on the NDE Rule 10 revision process. They are updating the section and how many DL credits are allowed for school districts to have to

meet graduation requirements. This directly ties to the current teacher shortage. The other /part of Rule 10 is related to librarian certification. The current language requires school districts to have a library certified professional. Many districts are finding that to be restrictive. Suggestions were made that it would help them if that person could be a certified teacher only.