



Information Services Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 11:00 AM
ESU 3 plus Zoom
6949 South 110th Street
LaVista, NE 68128

1. Call to Order
Committee Chair
2. Roll call
Committee Chair
3. Agenda Item
Committee Chair
 - 3.1. Future Ready Digital Learning Collaborative (FRDLC)
Technology Director
 - 3.2. Cybersecurity
Committee Chair
 - 3.3. SIMPL Report
Nate McClenahan
 - 3.4. dmarcian Group Purchase
Scott Isaacson
 - 3.5. Staff Reports
Committee Chair
 - 3.5.1. Scott Isaacson
Scott Isaacson
 - 3.5.2. Andrew Easton
Andrew Easton
 - 3.5.3. Rhonda Eis
Rhonda Eis
4. Next Meeting Agenda Items
Committee Chair
5. Adjournment
Committee Chair

NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

84-1407. Act, how cited. Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

84-1409. Terms, defined. For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders, and (iii) the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as: (a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; (b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; (e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or (f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length. Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual conferencing authorized; requirements; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

(1)(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public. (b) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website. (ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published by: (A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website; or (B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city or village. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting. (iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public

body.(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee. (d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes. (e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section are met: (i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity; (ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act; (iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (v) An educational service unit; (vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council; (vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; (viii) A community college board of governors; (ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee; (x) A local public health department; (xi) A metropolitan utilities district; (xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and (xiii) A natural resources district. (b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows: (i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference; (ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used; (iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and (iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the organization may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing. The governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by virtual conferencing.

(3) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body. (b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings. (c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section 84-1413. (8) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (2)(a) of this section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if: (a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body; (b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and (c) The public body complies with subdivisions (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) of this section.

84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each

meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if: (a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction; (b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience; (c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance; (d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state; (e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and (f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when; agenda and minutes; required on website; when.

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written or kept as an electronic record and shall be available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing or keeping the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public website the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the website at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public website for at least six months.

84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

84-1415. Open Meetings Act; requirements; waiver; validity of action. No motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting as defined in section 84-1409 of a public body as defined in such section shall be invalidated because such motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action was made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting or meetings on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before April 30, 2021, pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order which waived certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

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Scott Isaacson Staff Report

April, 2024

Future Ready Digital Learning Collaborative (FRDLC)

141 school districts and ESUs are participating in the **Proofpoint Security Awareness Training** platform, utilizing 22,152 staff licenses.

49 school districts and ESUs are participating in the **Duo Security** multi-factor authentication system, utilizing 8,646 licenses. 1,354 licenses remain available.

152 public school districts, 47 non-public schools are participating in the Canvas consortium. Bill Schroeder is joining our Canvas team on April 8, 2024. Bill comes to us from Clarkson college with deep experience as an instructional designer and Canvas administrator.

During April, the **Canvas** team will be presenting sessions around the state for school administrators (9 AM - 3 PM each day). Register at <https://bit.ly/CanvasNEAdministration> for one of these sessions:

- April 18 - ESU 3
- April 22 - ESU 13
- April 23 - ESU 10
- April 25 - Northeast Community College, Norfolk campus

Over the summer, the team will be presenting 2-day workshops for Canvas users of all levels. Register at <https://bit.ly/CanvasNE> for one of these Canvas Roadshow sessions:

- May 28, 29 - Scottsbluff / ESU 13
- May 30, 31 - Maxwell
- June 5, 6 - Wakefield / ESU 1
- June 13, 14 - LaVista / ESU 3
- June 17, 18 - Norfolk
- June 19, 20 - Hastings / ESU 9

The **Nebraska Future Ready Conference** is June 10-11, 2024 both in person at the NDE office and virtually.

The **STEADfast** project is a browser plug-in designed to help school districts collect data about the performance of home broadband Internet services and indicate areas of the state where service improvements are needed. This project was started with the development work of ESU 10 using GEER funds earlier. \$45,000 remaining ESSER III funding is available to continue development and pilot this software with a school district. We are working out the details of this with NDE and ESU 10.

Cybersecurity

The SLCG committee has received copies of the submitted year 2 proposals. At the March 14, 2024 committee meeting, we learned updated numbers: 60 project proposals were submitted, totalling \$7.7 million in requested funding. \$4.2 million in funding is available. Projects range from very small (just a few thousand dollars, to one that is \$4.4 million by itself). The projects have not been assigned for scoring yet. The plan is to have the projects scored during April, with announcements to the projects moving forward in May.

Four cybersecurity projects are moving forward with \$500,000 in ESSER III funding allocated through ESUCC:

- Establish a Nebraska chapter of the Consortium of School Networking (CoSN)
- Provide summer workshops and support for schools and ESUs to create and improve cyber incident response plans
- Support the Cyber Tatanka training and simulation exercises conducted in the summer
- Fund trials of security operation center (SOC) and penetration testing services

All work must be completed with these funds by September 30, 2024.

dmarcian Group Purchase

The NNNC is requesting that ESUCC assume ownership of the dmarcian contract. This contract is currently utilized by every ESU, except 18 & 19. The cost will be \$12,000 per year, with each participating ESU paying their share. Andy Boell is working on a partnership with multiple post-secondary institutions which can help to reduce the cost to all ESUs. Management of this service would be done by a member of the ESUCC technical staff.

DMARC stands for “Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting & Conformance” and its purpose is to authenticate email from our domains to help people receiving our email to know it is or isn't really from us to reduce spam and security threats through email. The dmarcian platform is a tool to help configure, test and monitor DMARC much more easily than doing the tasks manually.

Other Projects

SRS

The SRS team continues to upgrade the software. Rita McKinney (SRS helpdesk and communications specialist) and Scott Isaacson will present a session at the NDE data conference April 16th-17th, 2024. The SRS team has met with 28+ districts in Zoom sessions to hear their feedback on the software, and has collected feedback from 40+ through a Google feedback form. Future/roadmap items for SRS include:

1. Electronic signatures
2. Synchronization with SIS
3. Make data entry screens and printed forms look the same (as much as possible)
4. Spanish translation and other languages - companion guide? Start with IEP?
<https://nebraska.jitbit.com/helpdesk/KB/View/51885636-spanish-or-other-language-translation>
5. Progress report "helper" / duplicator -
6. Changes to highlighting students in search & forms, dates
7. Real-time collaboration - "Google docs"-style multiple users on same form
8. Goals - label goal tabs and allow moving/reordering of goals

NVIS

The team continues to update and test the software, preparing for a summer, 2024 release.

Project Para

A new user registration process has been set up using the Canvas catalog and is being tested now for release in the summer, 2024. The advisory team for the project will be engaged to review and recommend updates to the course content and the Canvas team will work during the 2024-2025 school year to make these updates.



Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning, Distance Learning, and Communication

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Andrew Easton

REPORT PERIOD: March 2024

COMMITTEE REPORT: DIGITAL LEARNING COORDINATOR

Digital Learning Efforts (Organized alphabetically by initiative)

- **Artificial Intelligence**
 - Presented on AI at the NSBA Conference (3/1)
 - Presented on AI for York Public Schools (3/12)
 - Presented on AI at the NRCSA Conference (3/14)

- **BIT & Teacher Support Act**
 - Created [this slide deck](#) to support the training associated with this act
 - Created [this alternate version of the slides](#) that has less text
 - Created this checklist/info-flow-chart to communicate this effort to school leaders
 - Created [this one-pager](#) communicating this initiative

- **Bold Steps Committee**
 - Continued to be a part of the **Bold Steps: Influence** Committee
 - Developing a series of one-pagers for efforts inclusive of...
 - [ESU Coordinating Council](#) (Finished)
 - [Distance Learning](#) (Finished)
 - [Cooperative Purchasing](#) (Finished)
 - [A Response to LR 240](#) (Finished)
 - [On ESUs and Non-Public Schools](#) (Finished)
 -  [Nebraska PowerSchool Cooperative](#) (Finished)
 -  [Canvas Consortium](#) (Finished)
 - GEER-Funded Robotics Purchase (Developing)

- **Canvas Consortium**
 - Met with Shara Johnson to discuss promoting the Canvas sessions in April for admin
 - [Posted this](#) to promote April admin sessions
 - [Posted this](#) to promote summer sessions

- **Hybrid, Free, and at NDE**
 - FRN Conference meeting (3/26)
 - Contacted state, national, and international ed tech leaders to invite their participation in presenting at the FRNC 2024
 - [Eirik Hernes Berre](#) from Curipod
 - [Trevor Goertzen](#) from SchoolAI
 - [Jaime Donally](#) (keynote speaker)
 - [Amanda Bickerstaff](#) (keynote speaker)
 - [Kristen Mattson](#) (featured speaker)
 - [Mandy Froehlich](#)
 - [Rachelle Dené Poth](#)
 - [Shirin Mathew](#)
 - [Adam Vinter](#) from Common Sense Media
 - [Brian Buffington](#) from Pioneer RESA in GA
 - Panel conversation with Dorann Avey, Shaun Young, and Bill Pulte
 - Theme: ***Advancing Education in the Era of AI***
 - Created [this promo image](#) and will begin promoting this week
 - **Add Public / Private to Registration Form**
- **Future Ready Nebraska Council**
 - Met with Dorann Avey to discuss the focus and direction of the Nebraska Ed Tech Plan, inclusive of the possibility of adding additional members and how best to enhance communication and collaboration around our current work (3/22)
 - Email conversations are being had regarding a podcast episode with a representative from the federal level discussing the National Ed Tech Plan
- **Nebraska PowerSchool Cooperative**
 - [Shared this post](#) as a way to update member districts about our third-quarter opportunities
 - Created [this one-pager](#) communicating the efforts of NebPS
- **Robotics Purchase Support and Resources**
 - Preston Fraizer of PITSCO has added additional resources to [our Robotic Support page](#)
 - [An Entire Catalogue](#) with links to add-on items for purchase is **NOW AVAILABLE**
 - A subheading on the site will point to connections between the available devices and the national computer science standards

- The most recent [podcast](#) episode that features district-level implementation of devices from the Robotics purchases will be added to the resources page
 - Formed a group of Math, Science, and Computer Science state-level experts to identify an approach to leveraging these robotics resources in the classroom in those content areas. This effort is currently on pause.
 - Meeting next week with members from Pitsco to discuss the creation of a document that would make connections between the robotics devices and the Nebraska state standards in math, science, and computer science for GEER purchases in the PreK-2 and Grades 3-5 grade bands.
- **Social Studies Inquiry Project (Summer 2024)**
 - [ESUCC Page for Social Studies Inquiry Work](#)
 - Nearly 60 inquiry units of study are now available
 - **The aim is to include 40 teachers in the SS Inquiry Project for the Summer of 2024**
 - Considering 4-5 sites to enhance teacher access and to cut personnel costs and travel
 - The budget for this effort has been finalized
 - Developing revisions and new approaches to enhance the efficiency of our process for collecting inquiry units and resources and saving/posting them in the Nebraska OER
- **Textbook Loan Forgiveness Program for Non-Publics**
 - Began conversations on supporting the facilitation of the textbook loan forgiveness program for non-publics

Social Media and Podcast Numbers/Reach Over Time

- **The Good Life EDU Podcast**
 - Podcast Data
 - Broke 42,000 total downloads
 - **Listener retention across all episodes in March was 81%**
 - Ordered [promotional stickers](#) for The Good Life EDU Podcast
 - Created 3 new episodes of [The Good Life EDU](#) podcast
 - **Episode 165** [A World-Savvy Approach to Navigating the Future of Education](#) with KK Neimann
 - **Episode 164** [The Transformative Impact of ESU Behavior Services](#) with ESU 4's Dani Potter-Niss and Cassie Houser
 - **Episode 163** [The GEER-funded Robotics Devices Are Being Utilized in Nebraska Classrooms](#) with Dr. Josh Snyder, Erik, Emerson, and Preston Fraizer
- **Twitter X Follower Numbers and Reach Over Time**

- o March 1599 (+11) Reach: ??? Discontinued
- o February 1588 (+11) Reach: ??? Discontinued
- o January 1577 (+28) Reach: ??? Discontinued
- 2024**
 - o November+December 1549 (+8) Reach: 3.6K
 - o October 1541 (+28) Reach: 5.8K
 - o September 1513 (+18) Reach: 10.3K
 - o August 1495 (+41 Summer) Reach: 9.2K
 - o July Reach: 9.8K
 - o June Reach: 9.2K
 - o May Reach: 16.2K
 - o April 1454 (+11) Reach: 19.7K
 - o March 1443 (+16) Reach: 17.6K
 - o February 1427 (+12) Reach: 14.1K
 - o January 1415 (+13) Reach: 13.6K
- 2023**
 - o December 1402 (+7) Reach: 5.6K
 - o November 1395 (-8) Reach: 6K
 - o October 1403 (+46) Reach: 3.5K
 - o September 1357 (+14) Reach: 9K
 - o August 1343 (+19) Reach: 8K
 - o July 1325 (+9) Reach: 8.6K
 - o June 1316 (+13) Reach: 10.7K
 - o May 1303 (+8) Reach: 17.6K
 - o April 1295 (+1) Reach: 8.9K
 - o March 1294 (+10) Reach: 17.9K
 - o February 1284 (+12) Reach: 23.4K
 - o January 1272 (+14) Reach: 31.2K
- 2022**
 - o December: 1258 (+8) Reach: 6,737
 - o November: 1250 (+14)
 - o October: 1236 (+41)
 - o September: 1195 (+71)
 - o August: 1124 (+17)
 - o July: 1107 (+34)
 - o June: 1083 (+12)
 - o May: 1071 (+70)
 - o April: 1001 (+64) *Broke 1000 followers
 - o March: 937 (+82)
 - o February: 855 (+82)
 - o January: 773 (+83)
- 2021**
 - o December: 690 (+67)
- **Facebook Page Followers and Reach Over Time**
 - o March (+6) Reach: 2,124

- o February (+2) Reach: 538
- o January (+1) Reach: 362
- 2024**
- o November + December (+2) Reach: 1.1K
- o October 594 (+3) Reach: 1,951
- o September 591 (-3) Reach: 600
- o August 594 (+4) Reach: 1,380
- o July 590 (+13) Reach: 2,027
- o June 577 (+2) Reach: 1,784
- o May 575 (+2) Reach: 1,343
- o April 570 (+6)
- o March 564 (+6)
- o February 559 (+4)
- o January 555 (+2)
- 2023**
- o December 553 (+0)
- o November 553 (+0)
- o October 553 (+7)
- o September 546 (+6)
- o August 540 (+12)
- o July 528 (+10)
- o June 518 (+1)
- o May 517 (+5)
- o April 512 (+6)
- o March 506 (+3)
- o February 503 (+10)
- o January 493 (+4)
- 2022**
- o December: 489 (+36)
- o November: 453 (+43)
- o October: 410 (+15)
- o September: 395 (+4)
- o August: 391 (+13)
- o July: 378 (+18)
- o June: 360 (+3)
- o May: 357 (+8)
- o April: 349 (+33)
- o March: 316 (+52)
- o February: 264 (+30)
- o January: 234 (+40)
- 2021**
- o December: 194 (+7)

- **LinkedIn Direct Page Views Per Month**

- o March Page Views: 45 Reach: 729
- o February Page Views: 38 Reach: 845

	o January	Page Views: 26	Reach: 371
2024	o Nov+Dec	Page Views: 70	
	o October	Page Views: 25	
	o September	Page Views: 24	
	o August	Page Views: 41	
	o July	Page Views: 23	
	o June	Page Views: 29	
	o May	Page Views: 21	
2023			



Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning - Instructional Materials

PROJECT COORDINATOR: Rhonda Eis

REPORT PERIOD: April 2024

TLT Updates

- The past month, TLT leadership worked on securing dates for the [2024-25 Artificial Intelligence to Improve Instruction Series](#)
 - AI Training to Improve Instructions Series
 - September 12th - Kick-Off with Eric Curts - built into the September 12th TLT meeting.
 - October 1st - Creating AI chat bots for the classroom with Donnie Piercey (½ day) -- with afternoon to create and explore.
 - Monthly webinars - Focus areas to be discussed and plans drafted at the May TLT meeting.
- [UDL with Katie Novak Course](#)
 - At the May meeting, TLT will discuss selecting and planning course collaboration time starting in September.

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- Upcoming meeting this April with our account representative to refresh our homepage on the hub.
- Starting prep work in the hub for the summer Social Studies project.

ESU PD Library

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- Check Outs - August 1, 2023 - March 28, 2024 (191 total)

Branch	Checkouts
ESU 01	24
ESU 02	12
ESU 03	29
ESU 04	8
ESU 06	5
ESU 07	15
ESU 08	31
ESU 10	10
ESU 13	10
ESU 15	1
ESU 16	5
ESUCC	32
NDE	9