



Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Educational Service Unit 7, Oak Room
2657 44th Avenue
Columbus, NE 68601-8537

1. Call the meeting to order


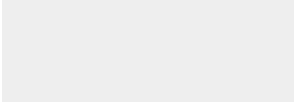
Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:



LEADERSHIP • SERVICE • SUPPORT - ESU 7 Mission Statement

Notice of this meeting was given in advance according to State Law 84-1411, by giving notice of the meeting to the public on ESU 7 website www.esu7.org and posted at location of meeting. Notice of this meeting was also given in advance to all members of the Board of Directors. Availability of the agenda and purpose of the hearing was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting and in the notice to the members of this hearing. All proceedings of the Board of Directors were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.



1.1. Notification of Open Meetings Law

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

This meeting has been preceded by advance notice and is hereby declared to be in open session. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room.



1.2. Roll Call

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

2. Public Forum

Rationale:



2.1. Welcome Visitors

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

2.2. Public Comment

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale: The board has the discretion to limit the amount of time set aside for public participation.

Citizens wishing to address the board on a certain agenda item must notify the Educational Service Unit administrator prior to the board meeting. Citizens wishing to present petitions to the board may do so at this time. However, the board will only receive the petitions and not act upon them or their contents.

Public Participation in Board Meetings **Policy 1.02.02**

3. Approval of Agenda

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.

Order of Business, Regular Meetings **Policy 1.02.01**

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve agenda.



Recommended Motion(s):

Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

4. Approval of Minutes

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the minutes as presented.



Recommended Motion(s):

Minutes as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5. Action Items

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

5.1. Board Absences

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Dan Hoesly will be absent due to personal commitment.

Doug Kluth will be absent due to personal commitment.

Bob Norvell will be absent due to family travel.

Staff Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take action to approve the board absences.



Recommended Motion(s):

Motion to approve absent board directors Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.2. Treasurer's Report

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.



Recommended Motion(s):

Treasurer's Report as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.3. Presentation of Bills

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

The summary of bills for the current month total: \$676,575.15 - Bills #63635 through #63789

Inservice bills total: \$42.12

SPED Arrears:Howells-Dodge May Billing \$11,681.93

TECH Arrears: David City \$17.50, Howells-Dodge \$39.00, Osceola \$25.00, St. Anthony \$75.00, St. Bonaventure \$100.00, St. John Lutheran \$140.00

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve bills as presented.



Recommended Motion(s):

Bills as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.4. Budgeting for additional 1%

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk or designee

Rationale:

Nebraska Statute allows an additional 1% in budgeted property tax asking requiring an affirmative vote of 75% of the governing body for approval. These additional budget authority dollars remain critical as we continue to operate with the one and a half cent levy, no state aid funding for 2016-2017, and spending restrictions for the upcoming years. In the event valuations change or additional funding becomes available, this action will allow ESU 7 additional budget authority to access those dollars.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the additional 1% in budgeted tax asking.

Recommended Motion(s):

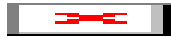
Budgeting for additional 1% Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.5. Reading of Policy 1.06 Equal Opportunity Employer

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Policy 1.06 Equal Opportunity Employer as presented.



Recommended Motion(s):

Policy 1.06 Equal Opportunity Employer as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.6. SPED Contracts

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale:

Mary McHargue will be joining our Psychology team. She has 19 years of experience in the field of psychology. She also has a degree in Family/Consumer Science. She has worked at ESU 9 and Grand Island Public Schools. She has training in the areas of school wide positive behavior programs and facilitating Response to Intervention. She has an understanding of ESU structure and has served people in the ESU7 area as an Extension Educator.

Jeri Glenn will be joining our Cen7ter team. She will be a tech and job coach. Jeri has a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from Nebraska Wesleyan University. She was a Special Education paraeducator in Iowa for 5 years before coming to Columbus Public Schools in 2008. She has been at West Park Elementary in Columbus for the past 7 years. She enjoys working with special needs students and hopes to continue this work for many years.

Lindsay Thomson will be joining our Cen7ter team. She will be a tech and job coach. Lindsay has been a Special Education paraeducator at Platte Center during the 2015-2016 school year. Lindsay owns a Photography business. She is very interested in the Behavioral Science field and will be working to a college degree in this area. She has completed a number of trainings at ESU7 including Project Para (Title I, Early Education, Special Education), Intro to Autism, Medication Administration Competency Assessment and MANDT training.

Todd Moon will be joining our Cen7ter team. He will be a tech and job coach. He has a Bachelors in Science and Arts in Business Administration and Secondary Education from Midland University. Todd was a Community Support Professional with Region V for 5 years prior to working with Owens and Associates for the past 4 years. He was a family support worker for cases that involved DHHS. Todd has a real desire to improve independence for students with disabilities.

Cathy Cole will be joining our Cen7ter team. She will be a tech and job coach. Cathy has great communication skills and job coaching is a strength of hers. She was very enthusiastic about the services that are being provided by ESU7 and can't wait to begin work. Her desire is to see children grow and learn to their full potential.

Christine Barber will be joining our Cen7ter team. She will be a tech and job coach. Christine has been an office manager in the past. She is looking forward to a job change that will involve working with children with disabilities. She is very interested in child development and education. She hopes to further her education and possibly go back to school to become a teacher.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the contracts for Mary McHargue, School Psychologist, Jeri Glen, Cen7ter Tech, Lindsay Thomson, Cen7ter Tech and Job Coach, Christine Barber, Cen7ter Tech and Job Coach. Cathy Cole, Cen7ter Tech and Job Coach, and Todd Moon, Cen7ter Tech and Job Coach.

Recommended Motion(s):

Contracts for Mary McHargue, School Psychologist, Jeri Glen, Cen7ter Tech, Lindsay Thomson, Cen7ter Tech and Job Coach, Christine Barber, Cen7ter Tech and Job Coach. Cathy Cole, Cen7ter Tech and Job Coach, and Todd Moon, Cen7ter Tech and Job Coach. Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.7. SPED Resignation

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale: Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to accept the Resignation of Sarah Sorenson, Life Skills Technician.

Recommended Motion(s):

Resignation of Sarah Sorenson, Life Skills Technician Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.8. Grant Contracts

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale:

Employee contracts offered to Sonja Chatfield-Peetz, Autism Spectrum Disorders Grant Coordinator, Cynthia Alarcon, Migrant Education Grant Coordinator, Danielle Waite, Program Analyst, Gricelda Brabec, Migrant Education Recruiter, Isaura Barreto, Migrant Education Recruiter, Kendy Zayas-Vargas, Migrant Services Provider, Veronica Reyes, Migrant Services Provider, Darlene Rodriguez, Migrant Education Recruiter, Melinda Velecela, Migrant Liason, Magaly Vasquez Diaz, Migrant Secretary, Migrant Tutors for Columbus Public Elementary

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take action to approve the employee contracts for Sonja Chatfield-Peetz, Autism Spectrum Disorders Grant Coordinator, Cynthia Alarcon, Migrant Education Grant Coordinator, Danielle Waite, Program Analyst, Gricelda Brabec, Migrant Education Recruiter, Isaura Barreto, Migrant Recruiter, Kendy Zayas-Vargas, Migrant Services Provider, Veronica Reyes, Migrant Services Provider, Darlene Rodriguez,

Migrant Education Recruiter, Melinda Velecela, Migrant Liason, Magaly Vasquez Diaz, Migrant Secretary, Migrant Tutors for Columbus Public Elementary

Recommended Motion(s):

Employee contracts for Sonja Chatfield-Peetz, Autism Spectrum Disorders Grant Coordinator, Cynthia Alarcon, Migrant Education Grant Coordinator, Danielle Waite, Program Analyst, Gricelda Brabec, Migrant Education Recruiter, Isaura Barreto, Migrant Education Recruiter, Kendy Zayas-Vargas, Migrant Services Provider, Veronica Reyes, Migrant Services Provider, Darlene Rodriguez, Migrant Education Recruiter, Melinda Velecela, Migrant Liason, Magaly Vasquez Diaz, Migrant Secretary, Migrant Tutors for Columbus Public Elementary Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

6. Discussion Items

Rationale:

6.1. Budget Committee Update

Speaker(s): Chairman Terry Fusco

Rationale: Budget committee met to discuss in detail the budget worksheets for each department completed to date. Chairman Fusco will review the summary with the board. The committee will meet again August 15, 2016 at 4:30p.m. Walnut Room.

6.2. Administrator's Report

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale:

Facilities Update - Working on scheduling the ceiling tile project and carpeting.

ESUCC Update - ESUCC will meet in July at Administrator Days.

Administrator's Goals -15-16 Goals are attached for your review. Administrator Polk will have 16-17 Goals for the August 15 Board Meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

AESA: Savannah, GA - November 30 - December 3, 2016 - Registration is now open

NASA/NASB Labor Relations Conference: September 7-8, 2016 - Lincoln

State Education Conference: November 16-18, 2016

Area Membership Meetings:

September 21: Norfolk - Lifelong Learning Center

October 12: Omaha - Embassy Suites, downtown Omaha

October 19: Fremont - Meeting @ Fremont Middle School, Dinner @ Fremont Golf Club



6.3. Adjournment

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Created by: Katy McNeil, Secretary to the ESU 7 Board of Directors