



Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, August 15, 2022 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): Board President or Designee
Rationale:

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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 Education of Educational Service Unit 7. 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 Education of Educational Service Unit 7 were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

- 1.1. Notification of Open Meetings Law

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

This meeting has been preceded by reasonable 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): Board President or Designee

1.3. Absent Board Members

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take action to approve the Board member absences.

Recommended Motion(s):

Approval of Board Member absences as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

2. Approval of Agenda

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

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

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

Recommended Motion(s):

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

3. Welcome Visitors

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

4. Public Comment

Speaker(s): Board President 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 complete the Request to be Heard Document prior to the start of 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.

5. Consent Agenda

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

If any Board member wishes to discuss an item, it must be removed from the consent agenda at which time the remaining items will be acted upon.

Consent Agenda Includes:

- Minutes from the previous meeting(s)
- Presentation of the bills
- Policy review with no recommended changes

- Other routine agenda items

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Recommended Motion(s):

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

5.1. Minutes

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

This is a consent item.

5.2. July 2022 - Presentation of Bills #74449 through #74602 totaling \$911,701.85

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

The summary of bills for the month of July total:\$911,701.85 - Bills #74449 through #74602

Inservice bills total: \$0

	Amount	Vendor	Description
7445 2	\$5,622.59	Amazon	Migrant/Tech/SPED/Grants supplies
7445 6	\$11,200.00	Ann Elise Record	Title IIA Consultant
7445 7	\$5,747.00	Apple Computer	Tech schools flow through/SPED equipment
7446 5	\$11,471.36	Capital One	Tech/SPED/Grants travel and supplies
7447 4	\$9,821.95	Columbus Public School	SPED year end settlement
7449 1	\$30,181.00	Ernst Auto Center	Camry LE Hybrid
7449 3	\$8,451.84	ESUCC	World Book
7451 1	\$15,000.00	JJ & Zak LLC	Title IIA Consultant
7451 2	\$11,500.00	Joseph Sanfelippo	Title IIA Consultant
7451 4	\$8,955.00	Kagan Professional Development	Title IIA Consultant
7451 7	\$8,432.00	Kiddie Cab	Migrant/Sped student transportation
7454 6	\$18,541.42	Paper 101	Paper for Production
7456 0	\$7,628.69	Schuyler Comm. School	Instructional Coach - Schuyler - flow through

7456 6	\$5,189.80	State of NE - Department of Admin.	Network Services Charges
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This is a consent item.

5.3. August 2022 - Presentation of Bills #74603 through #74723 totaling \$817,411.24

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

The summary of bills for the current month total: \$817,411.24 - Bills #74603 through #74723

Inservice bills total: \$64.75

	Amount	Vendor	Description
7460 7	\$5,885.12	Amazon	Migrant/Tech/SPED/Grants supplies
7461 1	\$5,094.00	Apple Computer	Migrant/SPED equipment
7461 5 2	\$20,128.02	Capital One	Tech/SPED/Grants travel and supplies
7462 8 0	\$17,978.00	Daktech Computers	Tech school flow through
7463 1 1	\$30,078.61	Eakes Office Solutions	Production/Sped copier maintenance
7465 7	\$5,385.96	Lakeview Comm. School	Title II and III reimbursements
7468 7	\$5,189.80	State of NE - Department of Admin.	Network Services Charges

This is a consent item.

5.4. Reading of Article I, Section 1, A ESU Name

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

This is a consent item.

5.5. Reading of Article I, Section 1, B Vision, Mission, Beliefs

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

This is a consent item.

5.6. Reading of Article I, Section 1, C Statutory Role

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

This is a consent item.

5.7. Reading of Article I, Section 1, D Principle Office

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

This is a consent item.

5.8. Reading of Article I, Section 1, E Boundaries

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

This is a consent item.

5.9. Travel - Excess Lodging and Meals

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale: Excess Lodging and Meals: The Admin Dept has one travel excess while attending the 2022 AESA Summer Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN. The conference was July 19-21, 2022.

Excess for lodging and meals:

Larianne Polk - \$34.30

This is a consent item.

5.10. Disposal of Inventory

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale: This is a consent item.

5.11. 2022-2023 Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) Dues

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale:

The Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of rural schools and communities. Since 1981, NRCSA has been committed to protecting the well-being of public education and implementing its mission of providing quality education for all children.

NRCSA is an Association consisting of 195 school districts and ESU's in Nebraska working together to support and promote quality educational programs for students in rural Nebraska. Through its members NRCSA serves the interests of over 75,000 children in 88 counties and 24 legislative districts.

This is a consent item.

5.12. 2022-2023 Contract for Abby Pfister, Grant Coordinator

5.13. 2022-2023 Contract for Brooke Kavan, Professional Development Coordinator

5.14. 2022-2023 Contract for Brooke Koliha, Professional Development Coordinator

5.15. 2022-2023 Contract for Cynthia Alarcon, Grant Coordinator

5.16. 2022-2023 Contract for Dan Ellsworth, Network Operations Director

5.17. 2022-2023 Contract for Kendra Gustafson, Professional Development Coordinator

5.18. 2022-2023 Contract for Laura Plas, Professional Development Coordinator

5.19. 2022-2023 Contract for Marci Ostmeier, Professional Development Director

5.20. 2022-2023 Contract for Mark Brady, Professional Development Coordinator

5.21. 2022-2023 Contract for Melinda Velencela, MEP Education Liaison

5.22. 2022-2023 Contract for Otis Pierce, Professional Development Coordinator

5.23. 2022-2023 Contract for Travis Kassing, Network & Computer Systems Engineer

5.24. 2022-2023 Contract for Richard Stuart, Information Technology Specialist

6. June and July 2022 Treasurer's Report

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Rationale: Review the breakdown of the Treasurer's Report

Recommended Motion(s):

Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the June and July Treasurer's Report as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

7. NASB Board of Directors - Region 16 Election Information

Speaker(s): Board President or designee

Rationale:

ESU 7 is an active member of NASB. Therefore, the board is invited to submit a nomination and to participate in the election of a NASB Region Director for the region. The information about the nomination and election of Board of Directors for the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) is attached along with a copy of the Board of Director Responsibilities. The nomination form must be completed and returned to the NASB office on or before August 26, 2022.

The only requirement for NASB Directorship is membership on the local board of education. There are no limitations or prohibitions to re-election or tenure as a Region Director.

The 2022 NASB Region Director nomination and election procedures are:

1. Each active member board is notified of nomination procedures as determined by policy and availed the opportunity to submit a nomination.
2. Nominations must be completed on the prescribed form and submitted to the NASB office on or before **August 26, 2022**. Nominee must be a board member of an active member board within the said NASB Region.
3. If more than one candidate is running for a region seat, a ballot and supporting materials to each member board will occur.
4. Ballots must be submitted to NASB on or before the end of October.

The NASB Region Director for the region is a 4-year term.

8. Educational Service Unit 7 Safe Return to Services/Instruction Plan

Speaker(s): Administrator or Designee

Rationale: Review and approve the Educational Service Unit 7 Safe Return to Services/Instruction Plan

Recommended Motion(s):

Discuss, consider and take action to approve the Educational Service Unit 7 Safe Return to Services/Instruction Plan as presented Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

9. Administrator's Report General

Speaker(s): Administrator or Designee

Rationale:

- Quotes for additional vehicle purchased in July 2022.
 - 2022 Avalon-Touring - \$46,402.00
 - 2022 Corolla-SE - \$24,024.00
 - 2022 Camry-LE Hybrid - \$29,882.00
- Awards
 - Dick Stephens and Don Ellison earned engraved Level VIII awards for this points year from NASB.
 - Director Marci Ostmeier, is recognized for her upcoming appointment as Chair of the Membership and Affiliate Relations Committee (MARC).
- Upcoming Events
 - These people have been registered:
 - Area Membership Meeting in Fremont on August 24th
 - Larianne Polk
 - Doug Pauley
 - Dick Stephens
 - Jack Young
 - Bob Arp
 - Area Membership Meeting in York on September 7th
 - Joyce Baumert
 - Dawn Lindsley
- ESU 7 Apparel Store
- September Board Meeting Reminder - The Budget Hearing, Tax Asking, and Board Meeting start at 5:15pm on Thursday, September 15, 2022.

9.1. Goal Update

Speaker(s): Administrator or Designee

Rationale: Goals - Attached for your Review

9.2. Services Update

Speaker(s): Administrator or Designee

Rationale:

- SIMPL Update
 - Process Review
- Migrant Education Department - Telegram attachment
- External Visits - Visits will be March 28-30, 2023. Continuous Improvement Team Chair Director Ostmeier will provide an update.

Items inside this item include visit updates, quarterly report, director reports, etc.

9.3. Facilities Update

Speaker(s): Administrator or Designee

Rationale:

- Kitchen update
The Administrator will provide a facilities update during this item.

9.4. Personnel

Rationale:

New Hires:

- Ana Karen Garcia, Migrant Education Program Service Provider - started June 29, 2022
- Susan Olmer, Special Education Bookkeeper - started July 18, 2022
- Abel "Josh" Arias, Migrant Education Program Service Provider - started August 8, 2022

All Classified/Non Cert Hires and Resignations under this item. Not an action item.

9.4.1. Personnel - 2022-2023 Classified Contracts

Rationale: 2022-2023 Classified Contracts offered and authorized by Chief Administrator Polk for the following staff:

- Abigail Focht, Migrant Education Program Service Provider
 - Ana Santos Reyes, MEP Education Program Recruiter
 - Angie Arndt, Department Secretary
 - Carolyn Koch, Bookkeeper
 - Chris Chvala, Computer Support Specialist
 - Cindy Wieser, Department Secretary
 - Darlene Rodriguez, MEP Education Program Recruiter
 - David Vanderheiden, District Technology Coordinator
 - Elizabeth Lawrence, Department Secretary
 - Isaura Barreto, MEP Education Program Recruiter
 - Janet Ciboron, Production Personnel
 - Jason Trotter, District Technology Coordinator
 - Jeremiah Salyard, District Technology Coordinator
 - Kim Ruger, Production Personnel
 - Larry Shefcyk, Custodian/Maintenance
 - Lincoln Quteifan, District Technology Coordinator
 - Linda Shefcyk, Business Manager
 - Maria del Socorro Rodriguez-Borquez, MEP Education Service Provider
 - Mayra Vargas, Department Secretary
 - Mindy Reed, Executive Secretary
 - Nancy Smith, Production Personnel
 - Nathalie Vargas, MEP Education Service Provider
 - Richard Stuart, Information Technology Specialist
 - Tyler Schrant, District Technology Coordinator
 - Yaribey Rodriguez, MEP Education Service Provider
- The Migrant Department will hire school tutors throughout the year as necessary as classified following the Migrant Education Grant regulations

9.5. Legislative Update

Speaker(s): Administrator or Designee

Rationale: During this item, the Administrator will provide a Legislative Update to members of the Board.

10. Committee Reports

Speaker(s): Committee Chair

10.1. Budget Committee Report

Speaker(s): Budget Committee Chair

Rationale: Reports of Budget Committee activities and discussion will take place during this item.

10.2. Administrator Evaluation Committee Report

Speaker(s): Administrator Evaluation Committee Chair

Rationale: A report of activities from the Administrator Evaluation Committee will be given during this item. Administrator Evaluation Committee: Marni Danhauer, Dawn Lindsley, Donald Ellison, and Joyce Baumert.

Evaluation Timeline:

- **August:** Evaluation Committee to meet in September to go through comments and create a summary. Larianne will meet with the Evaluation Committee chair.
- **September:** Full Board is provided a copy of the Administrator Evaluation
- **October:** Administrator sends digital evaluation and evaluation resources to the Evaluation Committee Chair in the first week of October. The chair then forwards on to full Board for completion by October Board Meeting. Administrator completes Evaluation Tool as self-assessment and sends to Evaluation Committee on or before October 31.
- **November:** Committee Chair will send the completed Administrator self-assessment to full Board after November 1. Evaluation Committee compiles results of full Board completed evaluations prior to the November Board Meeting.
- **December:** Evaluation Committee meets prior to December Board Meeting to review with Administrator the results of evaluation. Report to full Board in December Board Meeting following Closed Session requirements with Administrator present.
- **January:** Confirm Evaluation Committee members. Administrator provides Evaluation Committee with goals and shares with Board at January Board Meeting.

11. Conference Report

Speaker(s): Conference Attendees

Rationale: Conference Attendees will report on their learnings.

- 2022 NASB School Leaders and Law Conference - Dawn Lindsley

12. Adjournment

Speaker(s): Board President or Designee

Created by: Mindy Reed, Secretary to the ESU 7 Board of Directors

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.

Source: Laws 2004, LB 821, § 34.

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.

Source: Laws 1975, LB 325, § 1; Laws 1996, LB 900, § 1071; Laws 2004, LB 821, § 35.

Annotations

- Nebraska's public meetings laws do not apply to school board deliberations pertaining solely to disputed adjudicative facts. *McQuinn v. Douglas Cty. Sch. Dist. No. 66*, 259 Neb. 720, 612 N.W.2d 198 (2000).
- The primary purpose of the public meetings law is to ensure that public policy is formulated at open meetings. *Marks v. Judicial Nominating Comm.*, 236 Neb. 429, 461 N.W.2d 551 (1990).
- The public meetings law is broadly interpreted and liberally construed to obtain the objective of openness in favor of the public, and provisions permitting closed sessions must be narrowly and strictly construed. *Grein v. Board of Education of Fremont*, 216 Neb. 158, 343 N.W.2d 718 (1984).
- Although a committee was a subcommittee of a natural resources district board, it was not subject to the Open Meetings Act because there was never a quorum of board members in attendance and the committee did not hold hearings, make policy, or take formal action on behalf of the board. *Koch v. Lower Loup NRD*, 27 Neb. App. 301, 931 N.W.2d 160 (2019).
- A county board of equalization is a public body whose meetings shall be open to the public. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (2009).

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.

Source: Laws 1975, LB 325, § 2; Laws 1983, LB 43, § 1; Laws 1989, LB 429, § 42; Laws 1989, LB 311, § 14; Laws 1992, LB 1019, § 124; Laws 1993, LB 635, § 1; Laws 1996, LB 1044, § 978; Laws 1997, LB 798, § 37; Laws 2004, LB 821, § 36; Laws 2007, LB296, § 810; Laws 2011, LB366, § 2; Laws 2021, LB83, § 11; Laws 2022, LB922, § 12.

Operative Date: July 21, 2022

Annotations

- A township is a political subdivision, and as such, a township board is subject to the provisions of the public meetings laws. *Steenblock v. Elkhorn Township Bd.*, 245 Neb. 722, 515 N.W.2d 128 (1994).
- A county agricultural society is a public body to which the provisions of the Nebraska public meetings law are applicable. *Nixon v. Madison Co. Ag. Soc'y*, 217 Neb. 37, 348 N.W.2d 119 (1984).
- Failure by a public governing body, as defined under section 84-1409, R.R.S.1943, to take and record a roll call vote on an action, as required by section 84-1413(2), R.S.Supp.,1980, grants any citizen the right to sue for the purpose of

having the action declared void. In this case such failure could not be later corrected by a nunc pro tunc order because there was no showing that a roll call vote on the disputed action was actually taken, and even if it was the record showed it was not recorded until over a year later. Sections 23-1301, R.R.S.1943, and 23-1302, R.R.S.1943, make it the duty of the county clerk to record proceedings of the board of county commissioners. *State ex rel. Schuler v. Dunbar*, 208 Neb. 69, 302 N.W.2d 674 (1981).

- Although a committee was a subcommittee of a natural resources district board, it was not subject to the Open Meetings Act because there was never a quorum of board members in attendance and the committee did not hold hearings, make policy, or take formal action on behalf of the board. *Koch v. Lower Loup NRD*, 27 Neb. App. 301, 931 N.W.2d 160 (2019).
- Although the Open Meetings Act does not define "subcommittee," a subcommittee is generally defined as a group within a committee to which the committee may refer business. *Koch v. Lower Loup NRD*, 27 Neb. App. 301, 931 N.W.2d 160 (2019).
- The Open Meetings Act does not require policymakers to remain ignorant of the issues they must decide until the moment the public is invited to comment on a proposed policy. By excluding nonquorum subgroups from the definition of a public body, the Legislature has balanced the public's need to be heard on matters of public policy with a practical accommodation for a public body's need for information to conduct business. *Koch v. Lower Loup NRD*, 27 Neb. App. 301, 931 N.W.2d 160 (2019).
- As an administrative agency of the county, a county board of equalization is a public body. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (2009).
- The electors of a township at their annual meeting are a public body under the Open Meetings Act. *State ex rel. Newman v. Columbus Township Bd.*, 15 Neb. App. 656, 735 N.W.2d 399 (2007).
- The meeting at issue in this case was a "meeting" within the parameters of subsection (2) of this section because it involved the discussion of public business, the formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public power district. *Hansmeyer v. Nebraska Pub. Power Dist.*, 6 Neb. App. 889, 578 N.W.2d 476 (1998).
- Informational sessions in which the governmental body hears reports are briefings. *Johnson v. Nebraska Environmental Control Council*, 2 Neb. App. 263, 509 N.W.2d 21 (1993).

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.

Source: Laws 1975, LB 325, § 3; Laws 1983, LB 43, § 2; Laws 1985, LB 117, § 1; Laws 1992, LB 1019, § 125; Laws 1994, LB 621, § 1; Laws 1996, LB 900, § 1072; Laws 2004, LB 821, § 37; Laws 2004, LB 1179, § 1; Laws 2006, LB 898, § 1; Laws 2011, LB390, § 29; Laws 2012, LB995, § 17.

Annotations

- There is no absolute discovery privilege for communications that occur during a closed session. *State ex rel. Upper Republican NRD v. District Judges*, 273 Neb. 148, 728 N.W.2d 275 (2007).
- If a person present at a meeting observes a public meetings law violation in the form of an improper closed session and fails to object, that person waives his or her right to object at a later date. *Wasikowski v. Nebraska Quality Jobs Bd.*, 264 Neb. 403, 648 N.W.2d 756 (2002).
- The public interest mentioned in this section is that shared by citizens in general and by the community at large concerning pecuniary or legal rights and liabilities. *Grein v. Board of Education*, 216 Neb. 158, 343 N.W.2d 718 (1984).
- Hearing in closed executive session was contrary to this section since there was no showing of necessity or reason under subdivision (1)(a), (b), or (c), but did not result in reversal of board decision. *Simonds v. Board of Examiners*, 213 Neb. 259, 329 N.W.2d 92 (1983).
- Negotiations for the purchase of land need not be conducted at an open meeting but the deliberations of a city council as to whether an offer to purchase real estate

should be made should take place in an open meeting. *Pokorny v. City of Schuyler*, 202 Neb. 334, 275 N.W.2d 281 (1979).

- Public meeting law was not violated where the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska voted to hold a closed session to consider the university president's resignation, and also discussed the appointment of an interim president during such session. *Meyer v. Board of Regents*, 1 Neb. App. 893, 510 N.W.2d 450 (1993).

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.

Source: Laws 1975, LB 325, § 4; Laws 1983, LB 43, § 3; Laws 1987, LB 663, § 25; Laws 1993, LB 635, § 2; Laws 1996, LB 469, § 6; Laws 1996, LB 1161, § 1; Laws 1999, LB 47, § 2; Laws 1999, LB 87, § 100; Laws 1999, LB 461, § 1; Laws 2000, LB 968, § 85; Laws 2004, LB 821, § 38; Laws 2004, LB 1179, § 2; Laws 2006, LB 898, § 2; Laws 2007, LB199, § 9; Laws 2009, LB361, § 2; Laws 2012, LB735, § 1; Laws 2013, LB510, § 1; Laws 2017, LB318, § 1; Laws 2019, LB212, § 5; Laws 2020, LB148, § 3; Laws 2021, LB83, § 12; Laws 2022, LB742, § 1; Laws 2022, LB908, § 1; Laws 2022, LB922, § 13.

Note: The Revisor of Statutes has pursuant to section 49-769 correlated LB742, section 1, with LB908, section 1, and LB922, section 13, to reflect all amendments.

Note: Changes made by LB742 and LB908 became effective July 21, 2022. Changes made by LB922 became operative July 21, 2022.

Cross References

- **Intergovernmental Risk Management Act**, see section 44-4301.
- **Interlocal Cooperation Act**, see section 13-801.
- **Joint Public Agency Act**, see section 13-2501.

- **Municipal Cooperative Financing Act**, see section 18-2401.

Annotations

- Under subsection (1) of this section, the Legislature has imposed only two conditions on the public body's notification method of a public meeting: (1) It must give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting and (2) it must be recorded in the public body's minutes. *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 725 N.W.2d 792 (2007).
- An emergency is "(a)ny event or occasional combination of circumstances which calls for immediate action or remedy; pressing necessity; exigency; a sudden or unexpected happening; an unforeseen occurrence or condition." *Steenblock v. Elkhorn Township Bd.*, 245 Neb. 722, 515 N.W.2d 128 (1994).
- An agenda which gives reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at a meeting of a city council complies with the requirements of this section. *Pokorny v. City of Schuyler*, 202 Neb. 334, 275 N.W.2d 281 (1979).
- When notice is required, a notice of a special meeting of a city council posted in three public places at 10:00 p.m. on the day preceding the meeting is not reasonable advance publicized notice of a meeting as is required by this section. *Pokorny v. City of Schuyler*, 202 Neb. 334, 275 N.W.2d 281 (1979).
- Teacher waived right to object to lack of public notice in board of education employment hearing by voluntary participation in the hearing without objection. *Alexander v. School Dist. No. 17*, 197 Neb. 251, 248 N.W.2d 335 (1976).
- A county board of commissioners and a county board of equalization are not required to give separate notices when the notice states only the time and place that the boards meet and directs a citizen to where the agendas for each board can be found. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (2009).
- A county board of equalization is a public body which is required to give advanced publicized notice of its meetings. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (2009).
- Notice of recessed and reconvened meetings must be given in the same fashion as the original meeting. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (2009).
- True notice of a meeting is not given by burying such in the minutes of a prior board proceeding. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (2009).
- An agenda notice which merely stated "work order reports" was an inadequate notice under this section because it did not give interested persons knowledge that plans for a 345 kv transmission line through the district was going to be discussed and voted upon at the meeting. Inadequate agenda notice under this section meant there was a substantial violation of the public meeting laws; however, later actions by the board of directors cured the defects in notice, and such actions were in substantial compliance with the statute. *Hansmeyer v. Nebraska Pub. Power Dist.*, 6 Neb. App. 889, 578 N.W.2d 476 (1998).

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 instate 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.

Source: Laws 1975, LB 325, § 5; Laws 1983, LB 43, § 4; Laws 1985, LB 117, § 2; Laws 1987, LB 324, § 5; Laws 1996, LB 900, § 1073; Laws 2001, LB 250, § 2; Laws 2004, LB 821, § 39; Laws 2006, LB 898, § 3; Laws 2008, LB962, § 1; Laws 2021, LB83, § 13.

Annotations

- To preserve an objection that a public body failed to make documents available at a public meeting as required by subsection (8) of this section, a person who attends a public meeting must not only object to the violation, but must make that objection to the public body or to a member of the public body. *Stoetzel & Sons v. City of Hastings*, 265 Neb. 637, 658 N.W.2d 636 (2003).

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.

Source: Laws 1975, LB 325, § 6; Laws 1978, LB 609, § 3; Laws 1979, LB 86, § 9; Laws 1987, LB 663, § 26; Laws 2005, LB 501, § 1; Laws 2009, LB361, § 3; Laws 2015, LB365, § 2; Laws 2016, LB876, § 1; Laws 2021, LB83, § 14; Laws 2022, LB742, § 2.

Effective Date: July 21, 2022

Annotations

- If a person present at a meeting observes and fails to object to an alleged public meetings laws violation in the form of a failure to conduct rollcall votes before taking actions on questions or motions pending, that person waives his or her right to object at a later date. *Hauser v. Nebraska Police Stds. Adv. Council*, 264 Neb. 944, 653 N.W.2d 240 (2002).
- Subsection (2) of this section does not require the record to state that the vote was by roll call, but requires only that the record show if and how each member voted. Neither does the statute set a time limit for recording the results of a vote, after which no corrections of the record can be made. If no intervening rights of third persons have arisen, a board of county commissioners has power to correct the record of the proceedings had at a previous meeting so as to make them speak the truth, particularly where the correction supplies some omitted fact or action and is done not to contradict or change the original record but to have the record show that a certain action was taken or thing done, which the original record fails to show. *State ex rel. Schuler v. Dunbar*, 214 Neb. 85, 333 N.W.2d 652 (1983).
- Failure by a public governing body, as defined under section 84-1409, R.R.S.1943, to take and record a roll call vote on an action, as required by section 84-1413(2), R.S.Supp.,1980, grants any citizen the right to sue for the purpose of having the action declared void. In this case such failure could not be later corrected by a nunc pro tunc order because there was no showing that a roll call vote on the disputed action was actually taken, and even if it was the record showed it was not recorded until over a year later. Sections 23-1301, R.R.S.1943,

and 23-1302, R.R.S.1943, make it the duty of the county clerk to record proceedings of the board of county commissioners. *State ex rel. Schuler v. Dunbar*, 208 Neb. 69, 302 N.W.2d 674 (1981).

- There is no requirement that a public body make a record of where notice was published or posted. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (2009).

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.

Source: Laws 1975, LB 325, § 9; Laws 1977, LB 39, § 318; Laws 1983, LB 43, § 5; Laws 1992, LB 1019, § 126; Laws 1994, LB 621, § 2; Laws 1996, LB 900, § 1074; Laws 2004, LB 821, § 40; Laws 2006, LB 898, § 4.

Annotations

- The Legislature has granted standing to a broad scope of its citizens for the very limited purpose of challenging meetings allegedly in violation of the Open Meetings Act, so that they may help police the public policy embodied by the act. *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010).

- Any citizen of the state may commence an action to declare a public body's action void. *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 725 N.W.2d 792 (2007).
- The reading of ordinances constitutes a formal action under subsection (1) of this section. *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 725 N.W.2d 792 (2007).
- If a person present at a meeting observes a public meetings law violation in the form of an improper closed session and fails to object, that person waives his or her right to object at a later date. *Wasikowski v. Nebraska Quality Jobs Bd.*, 264 Neb. 403, 648 N.W.2d 756 (2002).
- Under the Public Meetings Act, a county lacks capacity to maintain an action to declare its official conduct "void" for noncompliance with the act. *County of York v. Johnson*, 230 Neb. 403, 432 N.W.2d 215 (1988).
- When a petitioner under this section is successful in the district court, that court may allow attorney fees. *Tracy Corp. II v. Nebraska Pub. Serv. Comm.*, 218 Neb. 900, 360 N.W.2d 485 (1984).
- Informal discussions between the Tax Commissioner and the State Board of Equalization in which instructions were clarified, with such clarification leading to the amendment of hearing notices, did not constitute a public meeting subject to the provisions of this section. *Box Butte County v. State Board of Equalization and Assessment*, 206 Neb. 696, 295 N.W.2d 670 (1980).
- The right to collaterally attack an order made in contravention of the Public Meeting Act must occur within a period of one year as is specifically provided by this section. *Witt v. School District No. 70*, 202 Neb. 63, 273 N.W.2d 669 (1979).
- Statutory change, requiring "publicized notice" for board of education employment hearings, occurring between dates meeting scheduled and conducted, held not to void proceedings. *Alexander v. School Dist. No. 17*, 197 Neb. 251, 248 N.W.2d 335 (1976).
- Voiding an entire meeting is a proper remedy for violations of the Open Meetings Act. Once a meeting has been declared void pursuant to Nebraska's public meetings law, board members are prohibited from considering any information obtained at the illegal meeting. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (2009).
- Actions by the board of directors were merely voidable under this section, and not void. Pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the plaintiffs were awarded partial attorney fees because they were successful in having the court declare that the board of directors was in substantial violation of the statute, even though the plaintiffs did not get the relief requested of having the board's actions declared void. *Hansmeyer v. Nebraska Pub. Power Dist.*, 6 Neb. App. 889, 578 N.W.2d 476 (1998).

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Source: http://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/display_html.php?begin_section=84-1407&end_section=84-1414

Date: July 2022



Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Educational Service Unit 7, Oak Room

2657 44th Avenue

Columbus, NE 68601-8537

Monday, June 20, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Posted Locations:

- Columbus Telegram Newspaper
 - Columbus Telegram Website
- ESU 7 North Building Front Door

Posted Date: 06/13/2022

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Bob Arp: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Present

Marni Danhauer: Absent

Donald Ellison: Present

Dan Hoesly: Present

Dawn Lindsley: Present

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Jennifer Miller: Present

Doug Pauley: Present

Richard Stephens: Present

Gary Wieseler: Present

Jack Young: Present

Present: 9, Absent: 3.

Attendance Update Taken at 5:36 PM.

Richard Luebbe: Present

Present: 10, Absent: 2.

Attendance Update Taken at 6:15 PM.

Bob Arp: Present
Present: 11, Absent: 1.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

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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 Education of Educational Service Unit 7. 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 Education of Educational Service Unit 7 were taken while the convened hearing was open to the attendance of the public.

Roll call was taken at 5:30pm.
Board President conducted the meeting.

Staff present:

Larianne Polk, Administrator
Linda Shefcyk, Business Manager
Mindy Reed, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Marci Ostmeyer, Professional Development Director
Tami Clay, Special Education Director
Dan Ellsworth, Network Operations Director

1.1. Notification of Open Meetings Law

This meeting has been preceded by reasonable 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

1.3. Absent Board Members

Board Member Marni Danhauer will be absent due to personal reasons. She notified the Administrator prior to the board meeting.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take action to approve the Board member absences.

Approval of Board Member absences as presented Passed with a motion by Dan Hoesly and a second by Jennifer Miller.

Bob Arp: Absent

Marni Danhauer: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Dawn Lindsley: Yea
Jennifer Miller: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

Board Member Marni Danhauer was absent due to personal reasons. She notified the Administrator prior to the board meeting.

1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

All members present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

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

Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Donald Ellison and a second by Dawn Lindsley.

Bob Arp: Absent
Marni Danhauer: Absent
Richard Luebbe: Absent
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Dawn Lindsley: Yea
Jennifer Miller: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

3. Welcome Visitors

No visitors present other those in agenda item six.

4. Public Comment

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 complete the Request to be Heard Document prior to the start of 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.
No public comments provided.

5. Consent Agenda

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

If any Board member wishes to discuss an item, it must be removed from the consent agenda at which time the remaining items will be acted upon.

Consent Agenda Includes:

- Minutes from the previous meeting(s)
- Presentation of the bills
- Policy review with no recommended changes
- Other routine agenda items

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Jack Young and a second by Doug Pauley.

Bob Arp: Absent

Marni Danhauer: Absent

Richard Luebbe: Absent

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Dawn Lindsley: Yea

Jennifer Miller: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 9, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

5.1. Minutes

This is a consent item.

5.2. Presentation of Bills #74264 through #74448 totaling \$1,088,506.85

The summary of bills for the current month total:\$1,088,506.85 - Bills #74264 through #74448

Inservice bills total: \$0

	Amount	Vendor	Description
74267	\$18,383.35	Amazon	Migrant/Tech/SPED/Grants supplies
74271	\$9,171.50	Apple Computer	SPED computers
74281	\$14,878.28	Capital One	Tech schools flow through/SPED/Grants travel and supplies
74285	\$79,556.40	CCS Presentation Systems	Conference room audio upgrades
74287	\$26,283.23	Central NE Rehab Services	SPED SLP Services
74306	\$12,334.00	Education Associates	Transition Grant - Project Discovery materials
74312	\$5,000.00	ESU 3	ELC Contracts
74313	\$33,748.00	ESUCC	SRS flow through and PDO/SDA registrations
74317	\$30,199.71	Gale/Cengage Learning	Media Software
74330	\$12,500.00	International Academy of Science Acellus	Acellus Virtual Student License Grant
74335	\$5,800.00	Josh Arias	Migrant Consultant for Summer School
74338	\$8,955.00	Kagan Professional Development	Title IIA Consultant
74367	\$6,500.00	New Frontier 21, LLC	Title IIA Consultant
74369	\$60,960.00	On To College	2022-23 John Baylor Test Prep
74371	\$8,250.00	Openscied	Title IIA Consultant
74375	\$5,503.79	Pearson Assessment	Psychology Software and Supplies
74387	\$7,628.69	Schuyler Comm. School	Instructional Coach - Schuyler - flow through
74389	\$7,000.00	Seidlitz Education	Title III Consultant
74395	\$5,189.80	State of NE - Department of Admin.	Network Services Charges

This is a consent item.

5.3. Reading of Article III, Section 7, G Internet Safety Policy

This is a consent item.

5.4. Reading of Article IV, Section 2, A Staff Handbooks and Job Descriptions

This is a consent item.

- 5.5. Reading of Article V, Section 5, C Use of Restraints and Seclusion

This is a consent item.

- 5.6. Reading of Article V, Section 5, D Removal of Students and Interviews of Students

This is a consent item.

- 5.7. Reading of Article V, Section 6, A Student/Parent Handbook

This is a consent item.

- 5.8. Reading of Article V, Section 6, B Search and Seizure

This is a consent item.

- 5.9. Reading of Article V, Section 6, C Anti-Bullying

This is a consent item.

- 5.10. Reading of Article V, Section 7, A Prohibition on Mandatory Medication

This is a consent item.

- 5.11. Reading of Article V, Section 7, B Dispensing Medications

This is a consent item.

- 5.12. Reading of Article V, Section 7, C Student Self-Management of Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Diabetes

This is a consent item.

- 5.13. Reading of Article V, Section 7, E Emergency Medical Aid

This is a consent item.

- 5.14. Reading of Article V, Section 7, F Wellness

This is a consent item.

- 5.15. Reading of Article V, Section 8, A Procedures for Control of Infectious Diseases

This is a consent item.

5.16. Reading of Article V, Section 8, B Emergency Closure of ESU 7 Buildings

This is a consent item.

5.17. Reading of Article V, Section 8, C Emergency Exclusion of Persons from ESU 7

This is a consent item.

5.18. Reading of Article V, Section 9, A Student Fees

This is a consent item.

5.19. 2022-2023 Contract for Tami Clay, Special Education Director

This is a consent item.

5.20. 2022-2023 Contract for Ronelle Jackson, LMHP

This is a consent item.

5.21. 2022-2023 Contract for Megan Welch, LMHP

This is a consent item.

5.22. 2022-2023 Contract for Merridie Kaup, LMHP

This is a consent item.

5.23. 2022-2023 Contract for Mollie Morrow, PLMHP

This is a consent item.

5.24. Authorization of Administrator to Sign for Federal/State Funds

This is a consent item.

5.25. 2022-2023 Non-Member Contract for Services

Board Policy requires the Board to annually approve a Non-Member School Contract for Services Agreement.

Article III, Section 1, D. Requests, Cost, and Payment

This is a consent item.

6. Spotlight - Migrant Department

Cynthia Alarcon, Grant Coordinator for the Migrant Department, will present the Spotlight for the June Board Meeting.

Migrant Grant Coordinator Cynthia Alarcon presented the Migrant Education Program Spotlight. Along with Cynthia Alarcon, the Binational Teachers from Mexico, Jose Salcedo, Daniel Venegas, and Eric Fajardo, attended to provide an update on their experience with the summer program and what they teach in Mexico.

The Board of Education thanked Cynthia for everything the Migrant Education Program does for students.

7. Tour the Learning Academy, Cen7ter, and potential playground site.

Tour the potential playground area, the Learning Academy, and the Cen7ter.

Administrator Polk and the board walked through the three buildings; the North Building, South Building/Cen7ter, and the Learning Academy. Administrator Polk and the board also toured the potential playground site.

8. Treasurer's Report
Review the breakdown of the Treasurer's Report

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

Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented Passed with a motion by Jennifer Miller and a second by Jack Young.

Marni Danhauer: Absent
Bob Arp: Yea
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Dawn Lindsley: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Jennifer Miller: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. Reading of Article V, Section 10, A Safe Pupil Transportation Plan

Multiple recommended changes to include removing "transportation dispatch" and replacing with "ESU 7 special education office".

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve Article V, Section 10, A Safe Pupil Transportation Plan as presented.

Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve Article V, Section 10, A Safe Pupil Transportation Plan as presented Passed with a motion by Dan Hoesly and a second by Jennifer Miller.

Marni Danhauer: Absent
Bob Arp: Yea
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Dawn Lindsley: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Jennifer Miller: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Administrator Polk reviewed the revised policy. The Migrant Education Program piloted a student transportation process. They trained staff, trained students, and conducted the necessary inspections. Given the results of the pilot, the Special Education department, specifically the Cen7ter and the Learning Academy will also start transporting students next year. The updated policy will be rolled out in August.

10. Reading of Article V, Section 10, B Safe Driving Standard for Drivers

Multiple recommended changes to include removing "ESU 7 employees are not permitted to transport students" and including stipulations for each person who drives students in an ESU 7 pupil transportation vehicle.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve Article V, Section 10, B Safe Driving Standard for Drivers as presented.

Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve Article V, Section 10, B Safe Driving Standard for Drivers as presented Passed with a motion by Jack Young and a second by Dawn Lindsley.

Marni Danhauer: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Dawn Lindsley: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Jennifer Miller: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Administrator Polk reviewed the revised policy for staff who would be transporting the students.

11. Educational Service Unit Employee Handbook, Cen7ter and Learning Academy Handbooks

Annually, the Board of Educational Service Unit 7, will review and approve the ESU 7 Employee Handbook and ESU 7 Student Handbooks. Handbook committee will provide an update. Chairperson Joyce Baumert will provide an overview of how the handbook revision process went this year and if any changes are necessary.

Recommendation: Recommend approval of the Learning Academy Handbook, Cen7ter Student/Parent Handbook, and ESU 7 Employee Handbook

Approval of the Learning Academy Handbook, Cen7ter Student/Parent Handbook, and ESU 7 Employee Handbook Passed with a motion by Dawn Lindsley and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Marni Danhauer: Absent
Bob Arp: Yea
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Dawn Lindsley: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Jennifer Miller: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Handbook Committee member Dawn Lindsley discussed some of the items the Handbook Committee reviewed in their meetings. The committee has no suggestions or recommendations for changing the review process in the future.

12. Mileage Reimbursement Rate

The IRS has changed the standard mileage rate to 62.5 cents per mile effective July 1, 2022, up 4 cents from January.

Article III, Section 4, D: Coffee Act Policy (Reimbursable Expenses)

Reimbursement of Expenses. The ESU will pay the registration costs, tuition costs, fees or charges for attendance by Board members at such approved functions. The ESU will pay mileage at the rate allowed by law (that is, the rate established by the Department of Administrative Services) or actual travel expense if travel is authorized by commercial or charter means. The ESU will pay meals and lodging at a rate not exceeding the applicable federal rate unless a fully itemized claim is submitted substantiating the costs actually incurred in excess of such rate and such additional expenses are expressly approved by the Board.

For employees and volunteers, the ESU will pay costs and make reimbursements in the same manner as provided above for Board member attendance, unless otherwise established by policy, Board action, contract, or negotiated agreement.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the new standard mileage rate as presented.

Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the new standard mileage rate as presented Passed with a motion by Bob Arp and a second by Joyce Baumert.

Marni Danhauer: Absent
Bob Arp: Yea
Joyce Baumert: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Dawn Lindsley: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Jennifer Miller: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13. Authorization of the Administrator to Pay July Bills in absence of July Board Meeting

The ESU 7 Board of Directors will not meet in July, 2022. This Board action gives authority to the Administrator to pay July bills. The ESU 7 Board will approve these expenses in the next possible Board Meeting.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action to approve the Administrator's payment of bills in July 2022.

Discuss, consider and take any action to approve the Administrator's payment of bills in July 2022 Passed with a motion by Gary Wieseler and a second by Dawn Lindsley.

Marni Danhauer: Absent
Bob Arp: Yea
Joyce Baumert: Yea
Donald Ellison: Yea
Dan Hoesly: Yea
Dawn Lindsley: Yea
Richard Luebbe: Yea
Jennifer Miller: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea
Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

14. Budgeting for additional 1% Budget Authority

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 2022-2023, 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.

Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the additional 1% in budgeted tax asking Passed with a motion by Donald Ellison and a second by Jack Young.

Marni Danhauer: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Dawn Lindsley: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Jennifer Miller: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

15. Thursday, September 15 at 5:15 p.m. in the ESU 7 Oak Room - Budget Hearing and Budget Summary, followed by the Final Tax Request Hearing, and then followed by the Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, September 15 at 5:15 p.m. in the ESU 7 Oak Room - Budget Hearing and Budget Summary, followed by the Final Tax Request Hearing, which will be followed by the Regular Board Meeting to start at 5:30pm or when the Final Tax Request Hearing is concluded, whichever is later.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the Thursday, September 15 schedule for the Budget Hearing and Budget Summary, Final Tax Request Hearing, and the Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the Thursday, September 15 schedule for the Budget Hearing and Budget Summary, Final Tax Request Hearing, and the Regular Board Meeting as presented Passed with a motion by Doug Pauley and a second by Jack Young.

Marni Danhauer: Absent

Bob Arp: Yea

Joyce Baumert: Yea

Donald Ellison: Yea

Dan Hoesly: Yea

Dawn Lindsley: Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea

Jennifer Miller: Yea

Doug Pauley: Yea

Richard Stephens: Yea

Gary Wieseler: Yea

Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

16. Administrator's Report General

- ESUCC Update
- Upcoming Events
 - NASB Area Membership Meetings (Agenda not yet available)
 - August 23 - Nebraska City
 - August 24 - Fremont
 - August 29 - Gering
 - August 30 - Valentine
 - August 31 - Norfolk
 - September 6 - La Vista
 - September 7 - York
 - Labor Relations Conference (Agenda not yet available)
 - October 5-6 - Lincoln
 - State Education Conference
 - November 16-18 - CHI Health Center, Omaha
- Elections 2022 Information - Who has not filed?
 - District 1 - Richard Stephens
 - District 3 - Jennifer Miller
 - District 5 - Jack Young
 - District 7 - Dan Hoesly
 - District 9 - Joyce Baumert
 - District 11 - Donald Ellison - Filed
- Safe Return to Services Plan - Administrator Polk will bring the plan to the Board when changes are made.

Administrator Polk asked the board which members were interested in attending the Area Membership meeting in Fremont on August 24th. The following board members will attend: President Doug Pauley, Vice President Jack Young, members Richard Stephens and Bob Arp, and Administrator Polk.

Due to scheduling conflicts, board members Joyce Baumert and Dawn Lindsley will attend the Area Membership meeting in York on September 7th.

The Labor Relations Conference in Lincoln will be in October. Typically, Administrator Polk attends with members of the Negotiations Committee. This year, Business Manager and Board Treasurer, Linda Shefcyk will attend as well.

16.1. Goal Update

- Goals - Attached for your Review

- Goal 1 - By July 2024, the ESU 7 board will create, roll out, and operationalize a formalized process for board recruitment, onboarding, mentoring, and boardmanship.
 - Administrator Polk met with ESU 5 and ESU 13 to establish a formalized plan. Next meeting is August 1, 2022.
- Goal 3 - By July 2024, the ESU 7 board will attend the corresponding school district board meetings at least once every two years to report the tailored services provided by ESU 7 and the outcomes measured.
 - Secretary to the Board, Mindy Reed, reached out to all ESU 7 school districts.
- Goal 4 - By July 2024, the ESU 7 board will create, roll out, and operationalize communication materials detailing tailored services and outcomes.
 - Secretary to the Board, Mindy Reed, has a draft document created. Administrator Polk and Mindy Reed have an additional meeting in August to go through details to prepare an info sheet for every school.

16.2. Services Update

- SIMPL Update
 - Website Review
- Quarterly Report
- External Visits - Visits will be March 28-30, 2023. Continuous Improvement Team Chair Director Ostmeier will provide an update.

Items inside this item include visit updates, quarterly report, director reports, etc.

16.3. Facilities Update

- North Building entryway carpet complete
 - N1 and N3 doorways
- Waiting on tarring for the parking lot
- Playground Update

To install a sink, countertop, cabinet and dishwasher in the behavioral health center locker room area in the learning academy. Passed with a motion by Jennifer Miller and a second by Dawn Lindsley.

Marni Danhauer:	Absent
Bob Arp:	Abstain (Without Conflict)
Joyce Baumert:	Yea
Donald Ellison:	Yea
Dan Hoesly:	Yea
Dawn Lindsley:	Yea

Richard Luebbe: Yea
Jennifer Miller: Yea
Doug Pauley: Yea
Richard Stephens: Yea
Gary Wieseler: Yea
Jack Young: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

The tile in the N1 and N3 doorways were replaced with walk-off carpets. A playground item will be added to the August agenda to discuss following conversations had during the playground area tour. Also, during the tour, the Learning Academy's locker room was discussed being remodeled into a kitchenette. This kitchenette will allow for meal clean-up and light meal prep. Necessary items in the kitchen include sink, dishwasher, countertops, and cabinets.

16.4. Personnel

New Hires:

- Barb Brockhaus - Cen7ter Paraprofessional starts August 11, 2022
- Tiffany Paczosa - Cen7ter Paraprofessional starts August 11, 2022

Paraprofessional Contract Renewals:

- Alicia Kardisco-Hastreiter, Paraprofessional
- Brenda Hake, Paraprofessional
- Chris Barber, Paraprofessional
- Darcy Warth, Paraprofessional
- Harriet Nalumansi, Paraprofessional
- Jayne Abegglen, Paraprofessional
- Jeri Glen, Paraprofessional
- Jessica Olnes, Paraprofessional
- Julia Estrada, Paraprofessional
- Kara VanMeter Lutjens, Paraprofessional
- Michelle Viessman, Paraprofessional
- Shanna Griffith, Paraprofessional

Contract Renewals:

- Kris Johnson, Brailist

Resignation:

- Megan Kassing, Special Education Bookkeeper

16.5. Legislative Update

- The ESUCC Legislative Group will be meeting for a Strategy Session this summer.

The ESUCC Legislative Group will be meeting for a Strategy Session in July.

16.6. AESA Annual Conference in Atlanta Georgia

Full agenda not available as of June 15, 2022. The 2022 AESA Annual Conference Information Request form will be handed out. Please indicate if you intend on attending and fill out the necessary information and give the information to Secretary to the Board, Mindy Reed.

The Board was asked to please have the 2022 AESA Annual Conference Information Request filled out and returned to Secretary to the Board, Mindy Reed, by July 8th.

17. **Committee Reports**

17.1. Budget Committee Report

Budget Chairperson Gary Wieseler will provide a Budget Committee update to the board.

Budget Chairperson Gary Wieseler provided an update from the Budget Committee. The committee focused on the Special Education expenses with Director Clay, as well as the technology budget in the general fund. In August, the Budget Committee will go through the grants budgets and have everything finalized by the September meeting.

18. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mindy Reed, Recording Secretary to the ESU 7 Board.

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10	00074562	300.00	07/20/22	9660 SEIDLITZ EDUCATION	C
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10	00074575	94.07	07/20/22	13188 VIRCO	C
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10	00074579	300.00	07/20/22	13323 WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	C
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10	00074594	106.48	07/20/22	2267 MARCIA OSTMEYER	A
10	00074595	2,199.02	07/20/22	11797 MARIA RODRIGUEZ	A
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10	00074607	5,885.12	08/20/22	10391 AMAZON	C
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10	00074609	82.50	08/20/22	13382 AMY SCHREIBER	C
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10	00074615	20,128.02	08/20/22	30039 CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.	C
10	00074616	2,608.60	08/20/22	13358 CAROL RAUCH	C
10	00074617	368.35	08/20/22	1996 CASEY'S MAIL SERVICE LLC	C
10	00074618	458.36	08/20/22	30235 CENTRAL CITY PUB SCHOOL	C
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10	00074620	477.63	08/20/22	30550 CITY OF COLUMBUS WATER & SANIT	C
10	00074621	1,457.58	08/20/22	31035 COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL FUNDS	C
10	00074622	589.90	08/20/22	5053 MID-PLAINS HOSPITALITY GROUP INC	C
10	00074623	149.00	08/20/22	31218 COMPUTER HARDWARE, INC	C
10	00074624	127.50	08/20/22	2135 CORY WAITE	C
10	00074625	141.03	08/20/22	31462 CROSS COUNTY SCHOOL	C
10	00074626	3,118.80	08/20/22	12769 CROWNE PLAZA (JM HOSPITALITY)	C
10	00074627	573.65	08/20/22	4812 CUBBY'S, INC.	C
10	00074628	17,978.00	08/20/22	40190 DAKTECH COMPUTERS	C
10	00074629	175.00	08/20/22	2569 DANIELLE L. KLOSEN	C
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10	00074632	2,494.92	08/20/22	50060 EAST BUTLER PUBLIC SCHOOL	C
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10	00074661	205.65	08/20/22	5410 MARK BRADY	C
10	00074662	165.00	08/20/22	13390 MELISSA EDSON	C
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10	00074664	25.00	08/20/22	9199 NACIA	C
10	00074665	1,522.50	08/20/22	7650 NANCY CHRISTENSEN	C
10	00074666	770.00	08/20/22	140351 NCSA	C
10	00074667	539.00	08/20/22	140066 NE ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS	C
10	00074668	139.41	08/20/22	140570 NEBRASKA TECHNOLOGY & TELECOM.	C
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10	00074715	1,578.75	08/20/22	11797 MARIA RODRIGUEZ	A
10	00074716	158.75	08/20/22	7161 MAYRA VARGAS	A
10	00074717	226.88	08/20/22	50632 MEGAN KASSING	A
10	00074718	78.98	08/20/22	4650 MELINDA VELECELA	A
10	00074719	60.13	08/20/22	11304 MINDY REED	A
10	00074720	95.00	08/20/22	8788 NATHALIE VARGAS	A
10	00074721	242.79	08/20/22	12165 STEPHANIE FOREMAN	A
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Total Bank No 10 817,411.24

Total Manual Checks	.00
Total Computer Checks	809,491.28
Total ACH Checks	8,094.96
Total Other Checks	.00
Total Electronic Checks	.00
Total Computer Voids	-175.00
Total Manual Voids	.00
Total ACH Voids	.00
Total Other Voids	.00
Total Electronic Voids	.00

Grand Total 817,411.24

Number of Checks 122

Batch Yr	Batch No	Amount
22	000277	127,606.85
22	000285	8,378.95
22	000286	60,591.88
22	000291	620,633.45
22	000292	55.11
22	000295	145.00

Inservice Account

	Transaction/Explanation	Receipt	Expenditures	Balance
5/19/22	Deposit - wellness, spouse meal, Corolla	\$646.50		\$7,914.66
8/4/22	Platte Co. Treasurer - Camry tire/title fee		\$15.00	\$7,899.66
8/8/22	Capital One - Cen7ter		\$49.75	\$7,849.91

Expenditures	\$64.75
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Section 1 - ESU Name, Mission and Duties

Article I, Section 1, A ESU Name

The legal name of our educational service unit is “Educational Service Unit No. 7 of the State of Nebraska.” It may also be referred to as ESU 7, either with or without a number designation (No. 7 or #7).

Legal Reference:	§ 79-1202
Date of Adoption:	November 20, 2017
Date(s) of Review:	September 13, 2021 August 15, 2022

Article I, Section 1, B Vision, Mission, Beliefs

Vision

To be a leader in innovative service delivery, ESU 7 prioritizes three areas: people, services, and efficiency.

- People: To be a family centered place to work where people are inspired to continue to grow.
- Services: Provide innovative services for school districts to meet current and anticipate future needs.
- Efficiency: Maximize our services by scaling them up to optimize outcomes.

Mission

The mission of ESU 7 is to provide leadership and support by delivering customized and innovative services.

Beliefs

We believe in...

- People first
- Leading with trust and reliability
- Customized and innovative services
- Best practice expertise
- Intentional data driven service planning
- Authentic collaboration
- Maximizing efficiencies

Legal Reference:	§ 79-1204
Date of Adoption:	November 20, 2017
Date of Revision:	September 13, 2021
Date(s) of Review:	August 15, 2022

Article I, Section 1, C Statutory Role

The statutory role of ESU 7 is to serve as an educational service provider in Nebraska's system of elementary and secondary education. ESU 7 shall:

1. Act primarily as a service agency in providing core services and services identified and requested by member school districts and recommended by ESU 7 Superintendents;
2. Provide for economy, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in the cooperative delivery of educational services;
3. Provide educational services through leadership, research, and development in elementary and secondary education;
4. Act in a cooperative and supportive role with the State Department of Education and school districts in development and implementation of long-range plans, strategies, and goals for the enhancement of educational opportunities in elementary and secondary education;
5. Serve, when appropriate and as funds become available, as a repository, clearinghouse, and administrator of federal, state, and private funds on behalf of school districts which choose to participate in special programs, projects, or grants in order to enhance the quality of education in Nebraska schools.
6. Provide core services to member school districts, including:
 - A. In order of priority, (i) Staff development which shall include access to staff development related to improving the achievement of students in poverty and students with diverse backgrounds; (ii) technology, including distance education services; and (iii) instructional materials services;
 - B. Core services shall improve teaching and student learning by focusing on enhancing school improvement efforts, meeting statewide requirements, and achieving statewide goals in the state's system of elementary and secondary education;
 - C. Core services shall provide schools with access to services that: (i) ESU 7 and its member school districts have identified as necessary services; (ii) are difficult, if not impossible, for most individual school districts to effectively and efficiently provide with their own personnel and financial resources; (iii) can be efficiently provided by ESU 7 to its member school districts; and (iv) can be adequately funded to ensure that the service is provided equitably to the public school districts.
 - D. Core services shall be designed so that the effectiveness and efficiency of the service can be evaluated on a statewide basis; and

E. Core services shall be provided by ESU 7 in a manner that minimizes the costs of administration or service delivery to member school districts.

7. Meet minimum accreditation standards set by the State Board of Education that will:

A. Provide for accountability to taxpayers;

B. Assure that educational service units are assisting and cooperating with school districts to provide for equitable and adequate educational opportunities statewide; and

C. Assure a level of quality in educational programs and services provided to school districts by the educational service units.

D. In fulfilling its role and mission, ESU 7 may contract to provide services to:

1. Nonmember public school districts;

2. Nonpublic school systems;

3. Other educational service units; and

4. Other political subdivisions, under the Interlocal Cooperation Act and the Joint Public Agency Act.

8. ESU 7 will not regulate school districts unless specifically provided pursuant to law.

Legal Reference:	§ 79-1204; NDE Rule 84-001-03-008.01
Date of Adoption:	November 20, 2017
Date(s) of Review:	September 13, 2021 August 15, 2022

Article I, Section 1, D Principle Office

The principle office of the ESU shall be: 2657 44th Avenue, Columbus Nebraska.

Legal Reference:	§ 79-1220
Date of Adoption:	November 20, 2017
Date(s) of Review:	September 13, 2021 August 15, 2022

Article I, Section 1, E Boundaries

The boundaries of ESU 7 are set and adjusted by the State Board of Education. A current copy of the boundaries of the ESU shall be kept in the principle office.

Legal Reference:	§ 79-1205; 79-1217(4)
Date of Adoption:	November 20, 2017
Date(s) of Review:	November 15, 2021 August 15, 2022

August 2022 Board - Items to Remove from Inventory

Date Removed	Date Purchased	Type
11/21/2010	07/18/2003	Computer
11/21/2010	07/18/2003	Monitor
11/04/2010	04/01/1995	Fax Machine
11/03/2010	01/01/1999	Computer
11/03/2010	01/01/1999	Server
11/16/2010	04/30/2008	Video Transmittal Component
11/16/2010	08/04/2009	Wireless Microphone System
11/16/2010	08/04/2009	Video Capture Device
11/16/2010	08/04/2009	Wireless Microphone System
11/16/2010	08/04/2009	Video Capture Device
11/15/2012	06/27/2012	Codec
10/11/2013	09/11/2013	Camera
11/26/2013	04/30/2013	Server
11/26/2013	06/05/2013	Cart w/Eagle Eye Director Bundle
11/26/2013	09/18/2013	Video Conferencing System
05/24/2017	11/09/2016	Keypad Lock
02/24/2014	10/24/2009	Access Point
11/22/2010	10/24/2009	Access Point
11/29/2010	11/29/2010	Switch
02/27/2018	01/17/2018	Adaptor
02/27/2018	02/14/2018	Adaptor
08/09/2021	01/01/1995	Typewriter
02/06/2015	08/30/2004	Computer
02/25/2014	08/16/2006	Computer
02/21/2014	08/16/2006	Computer
07/29/2014	08/16/2006	Computer
02/06/2020	10/13/2006	Computer
02/06/2020	08/16/2006	Computer
02/24/2014	08/16/2006	Computer
02/24/2014	10/13/2006	Computer
08/06/2014	09/01/2007	Computer
02/28/2019	07/07/2007	Copier
08/05/2014	12/13/2007	Computer
02/21/2014	08/30/2007	Computer
02/21/2014	03/28/2007	Computer

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08/05/2014	08/30/2007	Computer
08/05/2014	06/14/2007	Computer
02/21/2014	02/21/2007	Computer
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02/21/2014	03/28/2007	Computer
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11/07/2019	08/29/2008	Computer
08/05/2014	06/18/2008	Computer
08/05/2014	06/18/2008	Computer
04/04/2017	06/16/2008	Monitor
08/05/2014	09/04/2008	Computer
08/06/2014	09/04/2008	Computer
02/25/2014	07/10/2009	Computer
09/09/2021	07/07/2009	Mighty Mouse
03/26/2019	11/16/2009	Computer
11/11/2014	07/30/2010	Computer
08/10/2015	04/06/2010	iPad
05/21/2021	02/23/2011	Scanner
05/21/2021	02/23/2011	Scanner
05/21/2021	02/23/2011	Scanner
04/27/2021	04/18/2011	Computer
05/21/2021	07/13/2011	Scanner
02/22/2021	05/20/2011	Apple TV
04/27/2021	11/24/2011	Laptop
08/12/2021	08/02/2011	Printer
02/25/2014	11/07/2011	Mac Mini
03/26/2019	05/14/2011	Computer
07/17/2020	02/05/2015	Camera
10/26/2021	08/01/2018	Copier
04/27/2021	01/28/2012	Computer
04/27/2021	01/28/2012	Computer
06/15/2021	01/23/2012	Epson Wireless LAN Module
04/27/2021	01/28/2012	Computer
10/29/2020	09/24/2013	Copier

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08/09/2021	09/09/2016	iPad
04/27/2021	01/27/2012	Computer
04/27/2021	01/25/2013	Computer
04/27/2021	01/25/2013	Computer
09/15/2021	02/05/2013	Tablet PC
10/21/2021	11/24/2013	iPad
10/29/2020	10/09/2014	Copier
10/26/2021	06/27/2017	Copier
08/27/2020	07/31/2017	iPad Pro Smart Keyboard
07/27/2021	04/02/2019	Computer
02/25/2014		Computer
12/03/2010	03/10/2009	VGA Converter
12/03/2010	04/26/2010	UPS Battery Backup
11/23/2010	12/09/2004	Cart
02/25/2014	04/30/2008	TV
11/16/2010	04/30/2008	TV
11/12/2010	06/23/2006	Computer
03/22/2011	09/16/2010	Server
03/22/2011	09/16/2010	Drobo
02/20/2020	03/10/2011	Server
06/29/2011	05/18/2011	Netbook
11/22/2010	09/04/2003	Server
09/14/2011	10/22/2007	Phone System
07/11/2013	04/11/2013	Print Server
05/26/2017	03/04/2015	Toilets
05/26/2017	03/04/2015	Floor Tile Replacement 4 bathrooms
11/26/2013	04/22/2013	Flag, Pole and Base
05/25/2017	04/04/2017	Sink
12/03/2010	01/01/1991	Chair
12/03/2010	01/01/1991	Chair
12/03/2010	01/01/1991	Chair

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12/03/2010	01/01/1991	Chair
12/03/2010	02/01/1998	Coffee Cart
12/03/2010	01/01/1990	Plants
12/03/2010	01/01/1984	Chair
12/08/2010	01/01/1984	Desk
12/08/2010	01/01/1984	Desk
08/09/2021	01/01/1984	Coat Rack
12/03/2010	01/01/1984	Magazine Display Wooden Rack
12/03/2010	01/01/1984	Couch
12/03/2010	01/01/1984	Table
05/25/2017	04/04/2017	Faucet
06/19/2017	06/06/2017	Electronic Module for Urinals
05/26/2017	10/30/2014	Doors
05/26/2017	10/30/2014	Doors
12/03/2010	03/02/2002	Projection Screen
12/08/2010	09/28/2006	Computer
10/27/2014	01/01/2008	Printer
02/03/2014	11/12/2013	iMac
11/23/2020		iPod
11/30/2010	09/11/2008	Cassette Recorder
11/19/2012	01/01/2008	Powerbook
11/30/2010		Printer
11/11/2011		Game Console
11/14/2011		Software
11/14/2011		Software
11/11/2011		External Hard Drive
11/14/2011		Printer
04/21/2011	06/18/2007	Computer
11/15/2012	11/23/2011	Nook
11/15/2012	11/07/2011	Hard Drive
11/26/2012	06/22/2012	Hard Drive & Equipment

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10/29/2014	09/03/2008	Printer
04/24/2012	10/25/2011	Docking Station
04/24/2012	10/25/2011	SSDNow
04/24/2012	10/25/2011	Laptop
10/29/2014	11/28/2011	Printer
06/23/2014	07/13/2012	GPS
10/29/2014	09/20/2012	GPS
05/16/2017	01/25/2013	Computer
10/29/2014	02/05/2013	Tablet PC
10/29/2014	02/05/2013	Tablet PC
07/01/2013	06/20/2013	External Hard Drive
04/27/2021	01/28/2012	Computer
06/03/2020	08/29/2012	Computer
10/18/2010	07/08/2005	Computer
02/03/2012	11/21/2007	Printer
10/20/2010	11/13/2009	Printer
10/20/2010	12/14/2009	Kindle
10/20/2010	12/14/2009	Kindle
09/29/2010	07/28/2010	iPad Docking Keyboard
10/10/2012	05/26/2010	iPod Touch
09/18/2014	10/25/2010	Computer
06/04/2020	08/29/2012	Computer
06/04/2020	08/29/2012	Computer
03/23/2018	06/11/2013	Computer
03/23/2018	06/11/2013	Computer
03/26/2019	06/11/2013	Computer
10/16/2018	07/12/2013	Computer
10/16/2018	06/06/2013	Computer
06/27/2017	04/04/2007	Computer
06/22/2017	06/14/2007	Computer
09/18/2014	05/14/2011	Computer
09/10/2013	08/29/2012	Computer
03/23/2018	05/16/2014	Computer
02/23/2018	05/16/2014	Computer
10/25/2010	03/29/2006	iPod
10/22/2010	04/04/2008	Camera
10/25/2010	04/04/2008	Camera
02/07/2011	09/21/2010	Car Charger
02/03/2011	08/30/2004	Computer
02/03/2011	08/30/2004	Computer
12/10/2010	05/05/2005	Computer
12/02/2010	09/16/2005	Computer
11/22/2010	05/05/2005	Computer

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11/22/2010	05/05/2005	Computer
11/22/2010	05/05/2005	Computer
11/22/2010	06/25/2006	Computer
11/22/2010	06/25/2006	Computer
11/15/2011	06/25/2006	Computer
11/22/2010	12/27/2007	Computer
02/09/2012	08/30/2007	Computer
01/08/2015	04/23/2007	Server
09/28/2011	06/18/2007	Computer
02/28/2019	11/06/2015	Cell Phone
01/21/2020	11/06/2015	Cell Phone
01/21/2020	11/06/2015	Cell Phone
10/30/2020	09/18/2012	iPad 3
10/11/2018	09/18/2012	iPad 3
12/05/2012	09/18/2012	iPad 3
09/12/2016	08/06/2012	iPad 3
11/21/2012	10/26/2012	iPad Mini
10/14/2013	10/26/2012	Computer
05/24/2017	11/20/2013	iPhone
11/21/2013	11/20/2013	iPhone
01/14/2020	08/10/2015	iPhone
01/14/2020	08/10/2015	iPhone
02/03/2012	10/22/2009	Camcorder
06/04/2020	08/29/2012	Computer
06/08/2016	08/29/2012	Computer
10/20/2010	12/04/2009	Camera
10/20/2010	12/04/2009	Camera
10/20/2010	12/04/2009	Camera
11/05/2013	11/16/2009	Computer
10/20/2010	12/04/2009	Camera
10/19/2010	02/01/2010	Camcorder
10/19/2010	02/01/2010	Camcorder

10/19/2010	02/01/2010	Camcorder
11/12/2010	04/04/2008	Camera



Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
455 S.11th St, Ste B
Lincoln, NE 68508

Invoice #:	Mem 065
Date:	7/1/2022

Bill To:
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 7
 2657 44TH AVE.
 COLUMBUS NE 68601

For: NRCSA Membership Dues

Description	Amount
<i>2022-23 NRCSA Membership Dues</i>	<i>\$850.00</i>
Invoice Total	<i>\$850.00</i>

Make all checks payable to **NRCSA**

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Jeff Bundy at (402) 202-6028
or e-mail: jbundy@nrca.net

June '22 Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance JUNE 1, 2022			\$228,187.09		
RECEIPTS					
Property taxes			\$346,048.60		
SPED			\$426,487.10		
General/Flow Through			\$186,812.20		
Grants			\$89,451.08		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$1,048,798.98	\$1,048,798.98	
				\$1,276,986.07	
Transfer to Money Market				\$0.00	-
Total Funds Available				\$1,276,986.07	
DISBURSEMENTS:					
General Fund			\$411,348.71		
SPED			\$386,681.33		
Grants			\$290,233.05		
Total DISBURSEMENTS Check #74264 thru #74448			\$1,088,263.09	\$1,088,263.09	-
Ending balance, JUNE 30, 2022				\$188,722.98	

Checking balance					\$188,722.98
Money Market Deposit Account at First National Bank					\$4,855,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at First National Bank					\$100,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at Bank of Clarks					\$100,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at Columbus Bank & Trust					\$100,000.00
Certificate of Deposit - Great Western Bank					\$200,000.00
Certificate of Deposit - First National Bank-Columbus					\$100,000.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND (includes the amounts below)					\$5,643,722.98
CASH RESERVE	\$1,332,482.04				
PROTECTED BUDGET AUTHORITY	\$1,325,459.00				
Funds that are due to ESU 7					
Grants					(\$930,390.57)
Production/Art Media Accounts Receivable					(\$9,560.25)
Network Support Accounts Receivable					(\$1,863.75)
Misc. Flow thru Accounts Receivable					(\$17,698.67)
Outstanding Receivables					(\$29,122.67)
Total due to ESU 7					(\$959,513.24)

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2020-2021	2021-2022		
	Dollars Spent Per Month	Dollars Spent Per Month	Percentage spent each month	Percentage spent each month		
September	\$219,458.69	\$230,646.07	8.41%	8.65%	Total Budget	\$14,750,740.08
October	\$193,540.30	\$172,872.86	7.42%	6.49%	30% of budget	\$4,425,222.02
November	\$170,793.79	\$194,455.74	6.55%	7.30%	Earmarked set aside	\$5,264,201.00
December	\$170,207.74	\$197,903.14	6.53%	7.43%	Total budget spent to date	\$8,674,495.36
January	\$163,271.84	\$191,895.21	6.26%	7.20%		
February	\$185,946.19	\$202,922.77	7.13%	7.61%	NOTES	
March	\$160,023.15	\$180,624.84	6.13%	6.78%		
April	\$175,952.25	\$193,733.45	6.75%	7.27%		
May	\$188,816.11	\$182,440.41	7.24%	6.85%		
June	\$175,773.04	\$239,775.60	6.74%	9.00%		
July	\$194,713.50	\$0.00	7.46%	0.00%		
August	\$268,457.00	\$0.00	10.29%	0.00%		
Approved Total General Budget for Levy \$			\$2,608,410.23	\$2,664,964.08		
Total Spent to date			\$2,266,953.60	\$1,987,270.09		
Dollars approved from cash reserve				\$0.00		

July '22 Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance JULY 1, 2022			\$188,722.98		
RECEIPTS					
Property taxes			\$22,948.44		
SPED			\$338,556.61		
General/Flow Through			\$128,746.96		
Grants			\$413,834.10		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$904,086.11	\$904,086.11	
				\$1,092,809.09	
Transfer to Money Market				\$0.00	-
Total Funds Available				\$1,092,809.09	
DISBURSEMENTS:					
General Fund			\$314,976.02		
SPED			\$320,070.63		
Grants			\$276,655.20		
Total DISBURSEMENTS Check #74449 thru #74602			\$911,701.85	\$911,701.85	-
Ending balance, JULY 31, 2022				\$181,107.24	

Checking balance					\$181,107.24
Money Market Deposit Account at First National Bank					\$4,855,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at First National Bank					\$100,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at Bank of Clarks					\$100,000.00
Money Market Deposit Account at Columbus Bank & Trust					\$100,000.00
Certificate of Deposit - Great Western Bank					\$200,000.00
Certificate of Deposit - First National Bank-Columbus					\$100,000.00
TOTAL CASH ON HAND (includes the amounts below)					\$5,636,107.24
CASH RESERVE	\$1,332,482.04				
PROTECTED BUDGET AUTHORITY	\$1,325,459.00				
Funds that are due to ESU 7					
Grants				(\$821,389.46)	
Production/Art Media Accounts Receivable			(\$11,950.62)		
Network Support Accounts Receivable			(\$6,358.75)		
Misc. Flow thru Accounts Receivable			(\$31,950.36)		
Outstanding Receivables				(\$50,259.73)	
Total due to ESU 7				(\$871,649.19)	

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2020-2021	2021-2022		
	Dollars Spent Per Month	Dollars Spent Per Month	Percentage spent each month	Percentage spent each month		
September	\$219,458.69	\$230,646.07	8.41%	8.65%	Total Budget	\$14,750,740.08
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Approved Total General Budget for Levy \$			\$2,608,410.23	\$2,664,964.08		
Total Spent to date			\$2,266,953.60	\$2,183,108.05		
Dollars approved from cash reserve				\$0.00		



NASB Board of Directors Nomination Form for Region 16

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED AT NASB BY AUGUST 26, 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Home

Work

Cellular

Email Address: _____

Local Board Service

Name of local school board: _____

Years of service on local board: _____

Attendance record on local board: (past 3 yrs.) _____

Current office held on local school board: _____

Past offices held on local school board: _____

Association Participation

State Conferences: _____

National Conventions: _____

Workshops: _____

Awards Received: _____

Other Education-Related Public Service

Commissions, Task Forces, and Committees: _____

Personal Information

Occupation: _____

Educational Background: _____

Community Activities: _____

Awards and Recognitions: _____

Hobbies and Activities: _____

This nomination is submitted by:

Name of NASB Member District or ESU: _____

Name of Board President or Vice President: _____

Date: _____

By checking this box, I assert the board president or vice president has read the completed Nomination Form and verifies its authenticity.

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**Return to: NASB
Sallie Horky
1311 Stockwell St.
Lincoln, NE 68502
Or via e-mail to shorky@nasbonline.org**

1.23 Board of Directors Responsibilities (adopted 11/15/05, amended 11/14/07, 6/18/16, 3/28/20)

A. Responsibilities

1. Meetings

- a. NASB Board of Directors Meetings - Attend and participate in all meetings (normally January, March, June, August and November). Note: The first four meetings are held on a Saturday in Lincoln at the NASB office; the November meeting is held in conjunction with State Conference in Omaha. To be excused from a Board meeting, Directors should notify the NASB office before the meeting date. In the event of inclement weather, infectious disease situation or any other situation that could put the health and wellbeing of our Board at risk, the Executive Committee has the authority to change any given board meeting from an in person meeting to a remote meeting via conference call or other technology.
 - b. Annual Planning Meeting - The annual planning meeting is generally held in conjunction with the January Meeting.
 - c. Area Membership Meetings - Participate in the Area Membership Meetings that serve your NASB Region, and fulfill related duties as assigned. Directors from the Metro districts, as well as the Executive Board, could expand their roles to assist with other larger regions. These duties would be assigned by the President.
 - d. Annual State Conference - Held in November of each year.
 - e. Educational seminars sponsored by the Association - especially those held in your respective region.
2. Serve as a member of one or more standing committees to which appointed. Committees include: Audit, Board Development, Executive, Legislation, Membership Relations, Nominating, Programs and Oversight and any special committees deemed necessary.
3. Act as liaison between the school districts within the NASB Region and the NASB Board of Directors.
- a. Provide a direct connection to the board for the local school district(s) in the Director's region.
 - b. Promote the services provided by the Association for the individual needs of each board within a region.

- c. A relative representative who represents a shared perspective of the issues impacting local school districts.
 - d. A resource.
 - e. Contact the NASB member school districts within the region you serve.
 - f. Be prepared at each Board of Directors Meeting to give a brief report on the contacts, responses and information shared with your member school districts.
4. Maintain contact with state senators representing the NASB Region to which the director is elected.

B. Duties

The Board of Directors shall:

1. implement the purposes of the Association and exercise general supervision over its affairs;
2. attend the annual Delegate Assembly and implement policies and programs adopted by that body;
3. enter into such agreements with other agencies to plan, implement, and administer projects, activities, and services designed to improve its member boards as it deems necessary;
4. act upon the Nominating Committee's recommended candidate for Vice President;
5. act upon appointments to committees;
6. recommend establishment of committees;
7. review boundaries of districts and make necessary adjustments in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association;
8. employ and evaluate the Executive Director under such terms of employment and at such salary as it may determine, to manage the affairs of the Association;
9. act upon the employment, evaluation, and salary of other personnel;
10. employ an independent certified public accountant to audit the financial records of the Association and submit an annual audit report to the Board of Directors for its adoption; and
11. adopt an annual budget.

Educational Service Unit 7

SAFE RETURN TO SERVICES/INSTRUCTION PLAN



Serving the Schools of Boone, Butler, Colfax, Merrick, Nance, Platte, and Polk Counties.

ESU 7
2657 44th Ave.
Columbus, NE 68601
www.esu7.org

Last Review: August 9, 2022

Discussion and public input - Monday, August 15 @ 5:30 p.m. during regular Board meeting.

Discussion and public input - Monday, February 20 @ 5:30 p.m. during regular Board meeting.

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Introduction

General Information (Pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan)

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law. The ARP Act includes nearly \$122 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund that allows state and local education agencies (LEAs) to take additional steps for continued safe in-person instruction and to address unfinished teaching and learning to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic. The ARP Act requires each school district that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the school district's website, no later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction, and continuity of services for all schools (Safe Return Plan). The ARP Act further requires that the district seek public comment on the Safe Return Plan and take those comments into account in finalization of the Safe Return Plan. A school district must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months through September 30, 2023, review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return Plan. ***At this time ESU's do not qualify for aid via ARP.***

The ESU 7 COVID-19 Return to Services/School Plan initially developed during the summer of 2020 allowed us to remain open and successfully serve our school districts in the safest modality possible given the public health conditions during the 2020-2021 academic year. This document is an update to the plan for the 2021-22 school year to ensure the continuation of services for the 2021-22 and beyond. The updates are considering the new guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Nebraska Association of Local Health Departments (NALHD), the East Central District Health Department (ECDHD), Four Corners Health Department (FCHD), Central District Health Department (CDHD), the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE), and the United States Department of Education (USDE). Although ESUs do not qualify for financial support by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, our school districts must. The contents of this document, the format, components, and name have been revised to meet these same requirements, so we are able to provide comparable services and supports under the same mitigating circumstances as our member school districts.

The ESU 7 safe Return to Services/Instruction Plan will be reviewed at least every 6 months and may be adjusted as new information/guidance becomes available.

Plan Development Team

Larianne Polk, ESU 7 Chief Administrator

Tami Clay, ESU 7 Special Education Director

Marci Ostmeyer, ESU 7 Professional Development Director

Dan Ellsworth, ESU 7 Technology Director and parent of children in ESU 7 region

Cara Neesen, Level III Principal and teacher

Amy Mazankowski, Grant Program Coordinator

Tricia Spieker, Speech-Language Pathology Coordinator

Jackie Ternus, School Psychology Coordinator and parent of children in ESU 7 region

Lisa Duranski, Early Childhood Coordinator

Wendy Wolfe, Early Childhood Coordinator

Judy Zadina, Vision Program Coordinator

Cynthia Alarcon, Migrant Education Program Coordinator and parent of children in ESU 7 region

Larry Shefcyk, ESU 7 Maintenance

Linda Shefcyk, ESU 7 Human Resources and Business Manager

Troy Loefelholz, ESU 7 Superintendent Executive Committee Chair

Guiding Principles

Mission: The mission of ESU 7 is to provide leadership and support by delivering customized and innovative services.

Planning Purpose: The purpose of this Safe Return to Services/Instruction Plan is to keep our students, staff, and families safe and in-school should the pandemic situation reoccur. The plan was developed to allow for changes and updates throughout a pandemic, based upon COVID incidences within our community and consideration of guidance from local, state, and federal governments and health officials.

Schools vs. ESU: The term “school” is used throughout the ARC guidelines. For the ESU’s purposes, this term has been revised to read “schools/ESU” where appropriate.

COVID Transmission Levels

The plan was developed considering the COVID transmission levels and positivity rates within our ESU 7 region.

If COVID transmission levels/positivity rates increase, this plan may be revised to include additional COVID mitigation measures.

Layered Prevention

The CDC recommends that all schools/ESU implement and layer prevention strategies, including:

- Universal, correct use of masks
- Physical distancing
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, and
- Contact Tracing (in combination with isolation and quarantine)

All prevention strategies provide some level of protection, and layered strategies implemented at the same time provide the greatest level of protection. (CDC)

Components

Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. Face masks are optional for all staff and students on campus.
2. Correct wearing of masks as described by the CDC.
3. Face masks may be required for staff, students, and visitors if COVID cases rise and it is believed that this safety precaution is necessary to prevent further spread and a possible school closure.

Modifying Facilities to Allow for Physical Distancing

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. Social distancing measures (goal of maintaining 3 feet between students where feasible) may be taken to prevent the spread of COVID as needed.
2. Non-essential furniture may be removed from classrooms to maximize social distancing between students if needed. Desks will all face the same direction **if** additional preventative measures are needed.
3. Non-essential visitors and volunteers may be limited if case levels increase.
4. Six feet of social distancing may be encouraged for all students **if** COVID cases rise and it is necessary to prevent the further spread and possible school closure.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. Proper handwashing, cough and sneeze etiquette will be taught, reinforced and monitored.
2. If handwashing is not feasible, hand sanitizer will be provided and used.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities and Improving Ventilation

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. High-touch surfaces will be cleaned routinely (at least daily and between uses when possible).
2. Shared supplies and equipment will be sanitized between uses **if** COVID cases and it is necessary to prevent the further spread and possible school closure.
3. Heating, ventilation and air condition settings will maximize ventilation and bring in as much outdoor air as possible.
4. Air filters will be changed regularly.
5. Windows will be opened if feasible.

Contact Tracing

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. If contact tracing, isolation and quarantines are reinstated, ESU 7 will cooperate and coordinate with the East Central District Health Department Four Corners Health Department, and/or Central District Health Department.
2. ESU 7's normal health procedures will be followed, including:
 - a. Students and staff who are sick must stay home.
 - b. Students and staff must be fever free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. Students and staff who exhibit COVID-related symptoms will be encouraged to stay home and consult your physician.
2. If COVID levels rise, ESU 7 will consult with local officials to determine if screening should be considered for students, staff, and visitors.

Vaccination Efforts

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. ESU 7 provided the opportunity for vaccinations for all staff.
2. ESU 7 will provide information to staff regarding when/how they should receive vaccinations if needed or as requested.
3. ESU 7 will continue to monitor information regarding vaccinations and provide updates to staff when necessary.
4. Vaccination information will be included on the ESU's webpage **if** the need arises.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. Student's IEP's and 504 plans will be followed. Accommodations may be included that apply to the health and safety of students, relative to COVID.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

- 1. ESU 7 will continue to collaborate with our local and state health department on a regular basis, monitoring case levels and new guidance.
- 2. Information about levels of community transmission will be combined with information about cases within the district; implementation of prevention strategies will be increased if needed.
- 3. ESU 7 will implement or revise strategies when necessary.
- 4. This plan will be revised at least once every 6 months.

Continuity of Services

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

- 1. It is our goal to continue to provide in-person services and instruction to our school districts and students, addressing their academic, social, emotional, and mental health. We intend to follow the ESU 7 2021-22 calendar delivering services as typical according to the needs of the school districts.
- 2. If COVID cases rise significantly and we are required to close, every effort will be made to provide these services virtually. All special education services will be provided according to student's IEP's.
- 3. If COVID cases rise significantly and the ESU is providing virtual services/instruction, the ESU will work with each school district to ensure staff and students have access to the necessary equipment.

Symptoms Screening

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

- 1. Staff is encouraged to self-screen at home and to follow health department guidance regarding testing, isolation, and quarantine.
- 2. Parents and guardians are encouraged to screen students for COVID-related symptoms at home, and to follow health department guidance regarding testing, isolation, and quarantine.
- 3. If necessary to prevent the further spread and possible school closure, on-site symptom checks **may be** reinstated for everyone entering our facilities.

Other

Mitigating Measures/Safety Protocols:

1. Water fountains will be available. However, students and staff are encouraged to bring water bottles to school/ESU.
2. Self-service food options **may be** limited.

Itinerant/Traveling Staff

Itinerant/Traveling Staff Protocols:

1. ESU 7 staff are expected to follow the protocol described in this document when delivering services outside the ESU 7 campus.
2. In circumstances where the external location has more restrictive protocols in place, ESU 7 staff are expected to follow the more restrictive protocols.

Summary

ESU 7 is committed to providing staff and students with a safe, in-person learning environment. The strategies outlined in this plan will be implemented to mitigate the risk of COVID spread in our school/ESU 7 region. The strategies will be reviewed and revised at least every six months based on COVID cases within the ESU 7 area, and any new research/evidence that becomes available.

Safe Return Plan Documentation Records

Planning, Review and Consideration of Public Comment

- July 26, 2021: Draft sent to Plan Development Team for review.
- Aug 12, 2021: Director meeting to discuss, review, and revise the plan
- Aug 13, 2021: Draft shared with all staff and ESU 7 Board for review and comment.
- Aug 13, 2021: Feedback from staff reviewed; suggestions considered
- Aug 16, 2021: Final Draft reviewed and discussed at Board meeting; Public Comment open for feedback. Return to

Services/Instruction adopted by ESU 7 Board with relevant revisions.

Aug 17, 2021: Final Return to Services/Instruction Plan shared with staff and included on ESU 7 website.

Feb 7, 2022: 6 month review of Plan by Development Team.

Feb 21, 2022: Return to Services/Instruction Plan reviewed by ESU 7 with Public Comment.

Feb 22, 2022: Updated Return to Services/Instruction Plan shared with staff and updated on ESU 7 website.

Aug 9, 2022: 6 month review of Plan by ESU 7.

Aug 15, 2022: Updated Return to Services/Instruction Plan reviewed by ESU 7 Board with Public Comment.

Aug 16, 2022: Updated Return to Services/Instruction Plan shared with staff and Updated on the ESU 7 website.

Feb 20, 2023: Updated Return to Services/Instruction Plan reviewed by ESU 7 Board with Public Comment.

Record of General Comments Received about the Plan

DATE COMMENT RECEIVED:	LOCATION OR METHOD COMMENT WAS RECEIVED:	GENERAL TOPIC OF COMMENT:

Record of Changes made to Original Plan

DATE PLAN WAS CHANGED:	SECTION OF CHANGE:	DETAILS OF CHANGES MADE:



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
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August 1, 2022

Larianne Polk
Administrator
ESU7
2657 44th Avenue
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Dear Larianne,

On behalf of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), I would like to recognize Marci Ostmeyer for her upcoming appointment as Chair of the *Membership and Affiliate Relations Committee (MARC)*.

NCTM's committees and editorial panels are central to the Council's work, second only to the Board of Directors in their leadership role in NCTM. Marci's appointment is recognition of her significant contributions to and leadership in mathematics education.

We appreciate your support in allowing Marci to assume this important role in NCTM and serve her peers in advancing the highest quality mathematics education for all students.

Sincerely,

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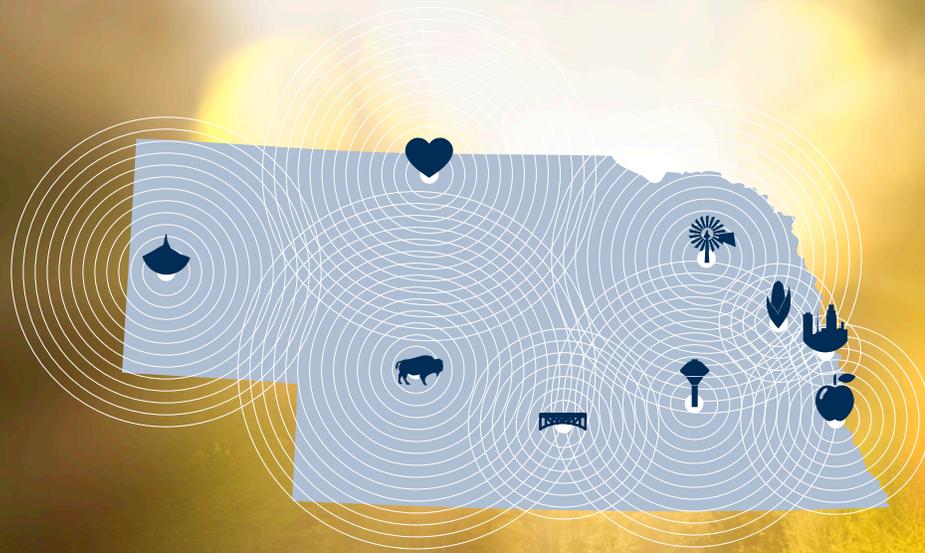
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Cc: Marci Ostmeyer

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2022 AGENDA

4:30 PM - REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & EXHIBITORS

5:00 PM - OPENING SESSION

5:45 PM - BREAK & EXHIBITORS

6:00 PM - TRAINING SESSIONS #1

6:35 PM - BREAK & EXHIBITORS

6:45 PM - TRAINING SESSIONS #2

7:25 PM - NETWORKING DINNER & AWARDS/RECOGNITION

15 AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT POINTS WILL BE EARNED FOR ATTENDING



2022 VISION & TRAINING SESSIONS

5:00 PM - AN NASB UPDATE: WHAT IT DOES. WHAT IT CAN DO FOR YOU. AND WHAT ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

From the people to the programs, services and advocacy efforts at the Capitol, NASB continues to offer all Nebraska school districts and ESUs the resources and expertise to strengthen public education across the state. Our goal is to empower you, as locally elected school board members, to be leaders in your communities. Here we'll discuss the National association, making sure your minutes are up to the latest standards, how you can best utilize NASB to share all of the incredible things you and your district do each and every day to strengthen public education in Nebraska!

6:00 PM - TRAINING SESSIONS 1

THE BOARD'S ROLE IN THE EMPLOYEE SHORTAGE

This session will provide an update on the statewide education workforce shortage efforts and the challenge of retaining staff. You will network with peers on various topics relevant to employee shortage and retention. Discussion topics will include board self-assessment and the NASB well-being survey which covers social-emotional/mental health well-being of staff, communication, and the climate and culture within the district. - *Shari Becker, Director of Education Leadership Search Service*

WHAT PASSED, COULDN'T LAST, & IS CHANGING FAST: A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

After a quick look back on the 2022 legislative session to go over what passed, what did not, and what's to come, get familiar with this year's crop of Legislative candidates. With the potential of 26 new faces come January, see who we may be working with in 2023 and beyond. - *Colby Coash, Associate E.D./Director of Government Relations*

PARENT ENGAGEMENT - INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHILD(REN)'S EDUCATION

Boards throughout the state are experiencing increased attendance at their meetings. While definitely welcomed, providing additional opportunities to explore how the district is working to improve instruction and learning is key to growing parent engagement. This session will include public comment protocol and methods to engage and include parents in the discussion of the skills and knowledge we believe every graduate must possess. *Marcia Herring, Director of Board Leadership*

6:45 PM - TRAINING SESSIONS 2

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Hashtag, you're it! It's no secret, school board members are community leaders. Learn tips and see examples from your peers on how to become a strong communication leader as well by sharing your districts story & successes through social media. Even a little can go a long way. *Matt Belka, Director of Marketing, Communications & Advocacy*

ALL THINGS ALICAP AND LOSS CONTROL

This session will share recent ALICAP claims stories, while stressing the importance of policies, protocols, and written agreements. Schools' exposures continue to change, and so must we. *Megan Boldt, Associate E.D./Director of ALICAP/Insurance*

PREPARING FOR BOARD AND DISTRICT/ESU LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Transition is not an event, but a process that evolves and prepares all involved for success. It is especially important to engage non-incumbents and to prepare for the transition of leadership which may be the board president or superintendent/ESU Administrator. Define a purposeful orientation and transition process for each role. Participants in this session will discuss current best practice and receive resources that outline measures to ensure a cohesive transition. *Marcia Herring, Director of Board Leadership*





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ESU 7 Goals

Board of Directors

- Goal 1: By July 2024 the ESU 7 board will create, roll out, and operationalize a formalized process for board recruitment, onboarding, mentoring, and boardsmanship.
 - Pre-Post engagement survey
 - Pre-Post process survey
- Goal 2: By July 2024 the ESU 7 board will attend at least two professional/personal learning events annually.
 - Pre-Post data
- Goal 3: By July 2024 the ESU 7 board will attend the corresponding school district board meetings at least once every two years to report the tailored services provided by ESU 7 and the outcomes measured.
 - Pre-Post data
- Goal 4: By July 2024 the ESU 7 board will create, roll out, and operationalize communication materials detailing tailored services and outcomes.
 - Pre-Post data

Administrator

- Goal 1: Administrator will research and present drafted processes for recruitment, onboarding, mentoring, and boardsmanship for board consideration, revision, and adoption.
- Goal 2: Administrator will provide the board with an ongoing menu of available learning opportunities at each board meeting aligned to the ESU 7 vision, mission, and/or beliefs.
- Goal 3: Administrator will coordinate the scheduling of regular board visits over a rolling two year period and will organize a board member summit for ESU 7 area boards to participate in professional learning.
- Goal 4: Administrator will determine the data to best communicate to school boards their utilized services and outcomes and will draft communication materials for the board to consider, revise, and finalize.

Directors

- Goal 1: By July 31, 2022, Directors will identify different methods of measurement and visualization of key data points on service performance and service selection.

Agency Team

- Goal 1: By May 20, 2022, Agency Team will coordinate the implementation of agency wide processes by documenting progress on all topics
- Goal 2: In order to meet our vision, Agency Team will develop processes to enable staff to provide innovative services and to grow as professionals.



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Departments

- Administration: By July 31, 2022 ESU 7 will fully implement a document management system across departments.
- Cen7ter: Cen7ter staff will increase their team mentality and get to know each other better by implementing a team building exercise at least once per month in order to collaborate more effectively.
- Early Childhood: By May 2022, Early Childhood team will develop and clarify roles, responsibilities and expectations amongst service providers from different agencies or districts.
- Grants: By May 2022, the Grants Department will have a document prepared to be disseminated to districts (Google Doc & Hardcopy) which outlines services and resources available.
- Learning Academy: By May 2022, Learning Academy staff will learn how to navigate and implement Acellus to effectively support our students in progressing academically as evidenced by student progress and grades.
- Mental Health: By May 2022, the Mental Health Department will formalize a belief system and solidify service delivery across districts utilizing consistent protocols.
- Migrant: By the end of the 21-22 MEP performance period, we will increase the communication, engagement, and participation among migrant families and students.
- Network Operations: During the 21-22 school year, the Technology Department will work toward equalizing technology knowledge and abilities among team members.
- Production: By July 2022, ensure that every staff member is trained and proficient in every area of the department.
- Professional Development: By May 2022, we will develop and implement a process to maximize and optimize our service planning and delivery.
- Psychology: By May of 2022, members of our department will intentionally select, participate in, and apply professional development learning to meet the needs of our districts.
- Speech: By May 20, 2022, the Speech Department will share a presentation with current districts and ESU 7 Administrators about the roles and responsibilities of Speech Language Pathologists in schools.
- Vision: By May 2022, the Vision Team will explore ways to efficiently serve districts, families and students with visual impairments in underserved areas of the state, in addition to students in the ESU 7 area as measured by number of students served.

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Local golfers shine

Odgaard, Kitt among medalists at CSG

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Committee hears about late-night session

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HANNAH SCHRODT PHOTOS, THE COLUMBUS TELEGRAM

Individuals with Kearney-based nonprofit Impact Art, kids in the Education Service Unit 7's migrant education program and ESU7 staff pose for a group photo on July 12. The children helped paint a mural in downtown Columbus, located at the corner of 13th Street and 24th Avenue.

A pop of color

New mural welcomes people to downtown Columbus

HANNAH SCHRODT
The Columbus Telegram

Downtown Columbus now has a spot of color to welcome visitors to the area.

On July 12, a group of kids, part of a Kearney-based nonprofit, lent a hand in creating a mural on a building located at the corner of 13th Street and 24th Avenue.

Impact Art's mission is to create positive public art in the Kearney community and surrounding areas by mentoring adult and young artists, beautifying and educating the community and enhancing cultural tourism, according to the nonprofit's website.

Josh Arias, who is a part of the nonprofit, noted that Impact Art has been holding Tuesday workshops for youth for the past six weeks. The one held in Columbus on July 12 was the last one. The workshop was offered for the migrant education program at Educational Service Unit 7, and this is the second summer ESU7 has worked with Arias.

"I've been teaching the kids



A mural located on the corner of 13th Street and 24th Avenue greets visitors to downtown Columbus. It was painted by kids in the Educational Service Unit 7's migrant education program, through a workshop held by Kearney-based nonprofit Impact Art.

how to spray paint and do creative self-expression through the use of spray paint," Arias said. "We wanted to do a mural so Yonni (Izaguirre), he owns this building, he was able to offer up the building."

The children helped him come up with ideas for the painting, he added. Izaguirre had given them free range and they knew they wanted to create something colorful.

The mural, which was painted in one day, features shapes of different colors with "Welcome

to Columbus" painted above it.

"Each color kind of shows a little bit about the all the different cultures and stuff in the communities," Arias said. "And then we wanted it to be like something that the kids could be proud of. We've worked on it for the whole day today, and I was here yesterday a little bit trying to get some stuff ready for them. It's all just youth led here and they've been doing some good work."

Izaguirre said he's owned the building for about one year. He's been renovating it, and the up-

stairs has been remodeled for apartments. The bottom, which is still being worked on, will be turned into a storefront that he'll rent out.

Izaguirre noted he wanted something done with the wall that would represent Columbus. He ended up getting a call from Impact Art about getting a mural done.

"I was ready to hire somebody to paint it. Then this individual called me and I was like, 'Oh, neat, even better if we can do something for the city! I think it's something positive for the city,'" Izaguirre said.

"He came in look at the building and he kind of told me what his program was about and I thought it was pretty neat."

He added he thinks the program is a positive one that will keep kids busy.

The mural, he said, will definitely catch the eyes of passersby. "I know that people will stop and look at it. It's really colorful," Izaguirre said. "I know it's only a one way road, but it should be a positive deal. Hopefully all of these people that own buildings can open up to this program and we can do more of these things."

Officials debate convention

Nebraska Republican Party gathering sees reactions

ERIN BAMER
Omaha World-Herald

Saturday's turmoil at the Nebraska Republican Party convention produced differing reactions from state political leaders, with Republicans claiming to be unfazed and Democrats suggesting that the GOP discord offers them an opportunity.

At the GOP convention, delegates fired party Chairman Dan Welch by majority vote. A wave of resignations immediately followed his termination, including Executive Director Taylor Gage and National Committeewoman Lydia Brasch.

Explanations for the upheaval differed. Some local Republicans, for example, felt they have been excluded by the party establishment led by Gov. Pete Ricketts. Some also complained that the state party leadership unfairly picked sides in the Republican gubernatorial primary to favor the eventual victor, Jim Pillen.

Ricketts, who had endorsed Pillen in the primary, offered a much simpler explanation when asked Monday about the convention: That a group of "new people" entered the party and wanted a change in leadership. He said the group went through the proper procedure to make those changes, and he looks forward to see what the new chairman, Lancaster County GOP Chairman Eric Underwood, is going to do.

"That's how the Republican Party is run," Ricketts said. "It's run by the people who show up."

Nebraska Democratic Party Chairwoman Jane Kleeb said Ricketts and other Republicans may try to downplay Saturday's events, but she believes Ricketts was a big reason for the unrest.

Division has been growing within the Nebraska GOP for at least a year, Kleeb said, with frustration rising among rural counties against the party establishment. Tensions increased after Ricketts donated over \$1 million in the primary to Conservative Nebraska, a group that ran attack ads against Pillen's top Republican opponents, Charles Herbster and State Sen. Brett Lindstrom of Omaha.

Herbster declined to comment on the convention Monday. Several other Republicans did not

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Champion Showman named

Leigh's Taya Hambleton takes the title at the fair

JARED BARTON
THE COLUMBUS TELEGRAM

Crowds filled the green barn at Ag Park on July 9 to see the culmination of the 4-H senior showmanship competitions.

A new event, the round-robin senior showmanship competi-

tion, pitted champions from the four primary species at the Platte County Fair against each other showing off their species as well as three others.

The competitors — Champion Goat Showman Taya Hambleton, Champion Beef Showman Zach Anderson, Champion Swine Showman Tori Osten and Champion Sheep Showman Ashley Sanne — vied for the grand champ title in a four-round back-to-back showmanship series.

Fifteen-year-old Taya Hambleton, from Leigh, grand champion of goat showmanship, took home the grand prize, an ornate commemorative belt buckle.

"I grew up showing all four species. I show sheep, goats and pigs now, I used to show cows so I'm kind of used to it all. But it's kind of stressful going from one species to another, switching the way you show," Hambleton said. The judge for the event, Celia Dull, from the David City area, was brought in to judge the event

based on her past experiences with 4-H and showmanship.

"I started in 4-H myself, eight or nine years old," Dull said. "I grew up raising livestock at the

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Grand Champion Showman Taya Hambleton, 15, of Leigh, stands in front of the 4-H Platte County Fair backdrop with her trophy belt buckle.



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