



Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2015 at 4:00 PM

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

1. Call the meeting to order

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

LEADERSHIP • SERVICE • SUPPORT - ESU 7 Mission Statement

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

1.1. Notification of Open Meetings Law

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

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

1.2. Roll Call

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

2. Public Forum

2.1. Welcome Visitors

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

2.2. Public Comment

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

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

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

Public Participation in Board Meetings **Policy 1.02.02**

3. Approval of Agenda

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

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

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

Recommended Motion(s):

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

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

Recommended Motion(s):

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

5. Action Items

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

5.1. Board Absences

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

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

Recommended Motion(s):

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

5.2. Treasurer's Report

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

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

Recommended Motion(s):

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

5.3. Presentation of Bills

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale: The summary of bills for the current month total:\$617,767.04 - Bills #61066 through #61051.

Inservice bills total: \$17.98

SPED Arrears: CPS \$7941.28, ESU 6 \$3445.02, G.I. \$498.29

Tech Arrears: Immanuel Lutheran \$12.50, Schuyler \$342.50, Humphrey \$301.25, Lakeview \$687.50,

Cross Co. \$85.00, St. John Neumann \$177.57

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

Recommended Motion(s):

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

5.4. SPED Resignation

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale: Morgan Kapels, Speech Language Pathologist, has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the conclusion of her current contract. Letter of resignation is attached.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the resignation of Morgan Kapels.

Recommended Motion(s):

The resignation of Morgan Kapel, Speech Language Pathologist. Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.5. SPED Resignation

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale:

Doris Younes, School Psychologist has submitted her resignation for the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Letter of resignation is attached.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve Doris Younes resignation.

Recommended Motion(s):

The resignation of Doris Younes, School Psychologist Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.6. Sped Resignation

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale: Chandra Punt, Speech Language Pathologist has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Letter of resignation is attached.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any action necessary to approve the Chandra Punt's resignation.

Recommended Motion(s):

The resignation of Chandra Punt, Speech Language Pathologist, Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.7. SPED Contract

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale:

Sarah comes to us from Norfolk Public Schools where she has worked as an SLP for two years. Her undergraduate and graduate degrees were earned at UNL in Speech Language Pathology. She already has her Certificate of Clinical Competency from the American Speech and Hearing Association. She is single and is willing to relocate.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve Sarah Taylor, Speech Language Pathologist for 2015-2016.

Recommended Motion(s):

Speech Language Pathologist contract for Sarah Taylor, (2015-2016), Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.8. SPED Contract

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale:

Cassie will also be graduating from UNK in May with a Master's Degree. She grew up in Oxford, Nebraska and likes living in a rural area. She will be getting married in October and living near Rising City. Her employment history shows several years of working in daycare settings.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take any necessary action to approve the Speech Language Pathologist Contract for Cassandra Brooks.

Recommended Motion(s):

Speech Language Pathologist Contract for Cassandra Brooks, (2015-2016) Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.9. SPED Contract

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale:

Chloe is originally from Milford, Nebraska. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education in Communication Disorders in 2013, and will receive her Masters in Science degree in May from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has extensive experience providing behavioral therapy for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. She and her husband, who is in ministry, will be living in Lincoln.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take action to approve contract for Chloe Blankenship, Speech Language Pathologist.

Recommended Motion(s):

Speech Language Pathologist Contract for Chole Blankenship, (2015-2016) Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.10. SPED Contract

Speaker(s): Darus Mettler

Rationale:

Jessica grew up in Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska and graduated from Bishop Neumann High School. Both her undergraduate and graduate degrees are from UNK, also graduating this May. She is married, lives in Prague, and is a neighbor of another one of our SLPs, Lori Simanek.

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Speech Language Pathologist, Jessica Sousek.

Recommended Motion(s):

Contract for Speech Language Pathologist, Jessica Sousek Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.11. Second Reading of Policy 3.10 Expenses Related to Education Service Unit 7 Employees

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the second reading of Policy 3.10 Expenses Related to Education Service Unit 7 Employees.

Recommended Motion(s):

After second reading, Policy 3.10 Expenses Related to Education Service Unit 7 Employees Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

5.12. First Reading of Policy 3.01 Term of Work Agreements

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the first reading of Policy 3.01 Term of Work Agreements as presented and advance it to the May meeting for second reading.

Recommended Motion(s):

First reading of Policy 3.01 Term of Work Agreements and its advancement to the May meeting Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

6. Discussion Items

6.1. Budget Committee Update

Speaker(s): Chairman Terry Fusco

6.2. Administrator's Report

Speaker(s): Larianne Polk

Rationale: Facilities Update
Statewide Update

Americorps visit
Administrator's Goals

7. Adjournment

Speaker(s): Don Ellison or Designee

Rationale:

Recommendation: Motion to adjourn.

Recommended Motion(s):

Adjournment of meeting at pm Passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

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