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## **REGULAR MEETING May 9, 2023 AT 12:00 PM**

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening Procedures
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  - c. Open Meetings Act
  - d. Verification of Publication and Notification
  - e. Roll Call
    - i. Excuse Absent Board Members
2. Comments from Guests
3. Staff Presentations
4. Action Items
  - a. Consent Agenda
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  - a. Legislative Update
  - b. Security Update
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  - a. Administrator
  - b. Board
  - c. Executive Session:
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## REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 12:00 PM Central

ESU#15 - McCook Office  
305 East 1st  
McCook, NE 69001

Present: 6, Absent: 4.

### 1. Opening Procedures

#### 1.a. Call to Order

President Repass called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

#### 1.b. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

#### 1.c. Open Meetings Act

#### 1.d. Verification of Publication and Notification

President Repass confirmed the meeting was advertised according to policy.

#### 1.e. Roll Call

Present were: Cheri Burke, Marty Conroy, Mary Dueland, Larry Gossen, Kate Repass and Jesse Stevens.

#### 1.e.i. Excuse Absent Board Members

A motion was made by Jesse Stevens to excuse absent board members: Behlke, Harris, Loop and Sandman, seconded by Cheri Burke Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Micheal Harris: Absent, Jason Loop: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Cheri Burke: Yea, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Larry Gossen: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

Absent board members: Mike Harris, Jason Loop

### 2. Comments from Guests

### 3. Staff Presentations

#### 3.a. John Hanson-Sped Director Report

Mr. John Hanson, Sped Director, with ESU 15. Mr. Hanson discussed the PRT meeting tomorrow with Superintendents in the Trenton office. Local clinics are the main source of referrals for birth - 3 children with special needs. The number of referrals are up after covid. They are currently serving around thirty children.

The Economic Development program received covid money to help with graduate school for School Counselors to become School Psychs. Three people from our ESU 15 district did apply.

There will be a Spring SPED meeting and a presentation via zoom from Chardon State.

Opportunity for Para's that want to become SPED teachers.

Staff changes are minimal for next year, early childhood will increase with the addition of Chelsey West.

#### 4. Action Items

##### 4.a. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Martin Conroy to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mary Dueland Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Micheal Harris: Absent, Jason Loop: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Cheri Burke: Yea, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Larry Gossen: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea  
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##### 4.a.i. Approve Minutes of March Meeting

##### 4.a.ii. Approve April Bills

##### 4.a.iii. Approve the March Treasurer's report

##### 4.a.iv. Approve April Agenda

##### 4.b. Approve Contract for Angie Dickey, Staff Developer

A motion was made by Cheri Burke to approve the contract for Angie Dickey, seconded by Larry Gossen Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Micheal Harris: Absent, Jason Loop: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Cheri Burke: Yea, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Larry Gossen: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

##### 4.c. Approve Contract for Occupational Services

A motion was made by Jesse Stevens to approve the Occupational Services contract, seconded by Martin Conroy Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Micheal Harris: Absent, Jason Loop: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Cheri Burke: Yea, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Larry Gossen: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea  
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##### 4.d. Approve Master Services Contract with ESUCC

A motion was made by Mary Dueland to approve the Master Services Contract with ESUCC, seconded by Cheri Burke Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Micheal Harris: Absent, Jason Loop: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Cheri Burke: Yea, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Larry Gossen: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea  
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#### 5. Discussion Items

##### 5.a. Legislative Update

Mr. Calvert updated the board on the legislative issues. They are two-thirds the way through the ninety-day session. They have to finish the budget and that will take a week. LB 583- Foundation aide, on a per student basis advanced. A law was introduced to limit the school's ability to cut or permanently alter a student's hair. LB 103- Allows additional employees to be part of the NPERS program.

#### 5.b. Staff Day May 18

Mr. Calvert updated the board on the staff day planned for May 18th, 2023. The board is welcome to attend.

### 6. Reports

#### 6.a. Administrator

Mr. Calvert updated the board on the Superintendent's meeting. Some of the attendees will include Don Johnson from UNL on the Gold Program and Jack Moles with a Legislative update. At the conclusion of this year, we will have 3 graduates in the Alternative Ed program. Brian Maher will be the next Nebraska Education Commissioner.

#### 6.b. Board

##### 6.c. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Larry Gossen to go in to Executive Session at 12:37 pm to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Martin Conroy Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Micheal Harris: Absent, Jason Loop: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Cheri Burke: Yea, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Larry Gossen: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 4

##### 6.c.i. Pending Litigation

A motion was made by Larry Gossen to come out of Executive Session at 12:51 pm, seconded by Martin Conroy Motion Passed.

Nathan Behlke: Absent, Micheal Harris: Absent, Jason Loop: Absent, Allison Sandman: Absent, Cheri Burke: Yea, Martin Conroy: Yea, Mary Dueland: Yea, Larry Gossen: Yea, Kate Repass: Yea, Jesse Stevens: Yea  
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### 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:56pm. The next board meeting is May 9th, 2023, at noon at ESU #15 in McCook, NE.

# ESU 15

## Check Listing Report

### Payables - May 9, 2023

Check Date	Check Number	Payee	Description	Amount
05/09/2023	35684	Beavers, Heather	mileage	\$858.05
04/18/2023	35668	Black Hills Energy	mccook-natural gas	\$279.04
05/09/2023	35685	Bosselman Energy, Inc	propane	\$428.75
05/09/2023	35686	Burke, Cheri	board mileage	\$81.22
05/09/2023	35687	Burke, Sharriea	mileage	\$929.24
05/09/2023	35688	Calvert, Paul	mileage	\$822.68
05/09/2023	35689	Calvert, Sara	mileage	\$235.80
05/09/2023	35690	Capital One	supplies	\$220.27
05/09/2023	35691	CenturyLink (AZ)	telephone	\$75.92
05/09/2023	35692	Chase County Schools	migrant- after school	\$470.12
05/09/2023	35693	City of McCook	utilities-mccook	\$68.73
05/09/2023	35694	Community First Bank	direct deposit	\$39.30
05/09/2023	35695	Cortney Crocker	mileage	\$702.60
05/09/2023	35696	Crowne Plaza	motel	\$1,599.40
05/09/2023	35697	Dell Marketing LP	serv coord-computer	\$2,825.15
05/09/2023	35698	Eakes Office Plus	advertising-pens	\$367.83
05/09/2023	35699	EL Achieve Inc	title III-eld unit packets	\$435.16
05/09/2023	35700	Englot, Angie	mileage	\$754.56
05/09/2023	35701	Erickson, Kelly	mileage	\$276.41
05/09/2023	35702	Esch, Barb	mileage	\$500.74
05/09/2023	35703	Gary's Super Foods	supplies-board	\$197.17
05/09/2023	35704	Gossen, Larry	board mileage	\$53.71
04/25/2023	35671	Great Plains Communications	telephone	\$586.65
05/09/2023	35705	Great Plains Communications	telephone-imperial	\$70.95
05/09/2023	35706	Green Turf Lawncare	snow removal	\$324.00
05/09/2023	35707	Hanson, John	mileage	\$217.46
05/09/2023	35708	Harris School Solutions	accounting maintenance	\$9,955.92
05/09/2023	35709	Hometown Leasing	copier lease	\$293.30
05/09/2023	35710	Krutsinger, Lisa	mileage	\$884.25
05/09/2023	35711	Kunnemann, Carol	mileage	\$1,116.78
05/09/2023	35712	Lopez, Aida	mileage	\$1,078.79
05/09/2023	35713	McCook Public Schools	hanson ins	\$813.67
05/09/2023	35714	McCorkle, Cynthia	board mileage	\$34.06
05/09/2023	35715	McIntyre, McKenzie	prt-parent stipend	\$30.00
05/09/2023	35716	Medicine Valley School	peak grant-asd conf stipends	\$500.00
05/09/2023	35717	Nebraska ASCD	ascd registration	\$85.00
05/09/2023	35718	Nebraska Public Power Dist	utilities- mccook	\$150.73
05/09/2023	35719	New Life Christian Store	mental health-supplies	\$695.76
05/09/2023	35720	O'Byrne, Casha	meals	\$625.00
05/09/2023	35721	Occupational Therapy Services	ot services	\$7,693.25
05/09/2023	35722	Olsen, Tonya	mileage	\$1,084.77
05/09/2023	35723	Options in Psychology, LLC	prt-presenter-dr. hald	\$2,000.00
05/09/2023	35724	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gess.	legal fees	\$1,120.00
05/09/2023	35725	Pristine Clean	cleaning-trenton/mccook	\$630.00
05/09/2023	35726	Propio Language Services	migrant language service	\$25.00
04/20/2023	35670	Rachel's Challenge	rachel's challenge conf	\$6,500.00
05/09/2023	35727	Renaissance	peak-fastbridge renewal	\$4,173.00
05/09/2023	35728	Repass, Kate	board mileage	\$49.78
05/09/2023	35729	Samantha Bradley	prt-rbi refresher	\$412.66
05/09/2023	35730	Sehnert's Bakery	supplies	\$127.64
05/09/2023	35731	Staples Business Advantage	migrant supplies	\$105.97
05/09/2023	35732	Strand, Amy	mileage	\$268.55
05/09/2023	35733	Striv AV LLC	alt ed supplies	\$15.68

05/09/2023	35734	Subway	mental health supplies	\$18.18
05/09/2023	35735	USBANK	credit card	\$11,559.32
05/09/2023	35736	Verizon	service coord phone	\$53.51
04/18/2023	35669	Viaero	migrant-phone	\$40.44
05/09/2023	35737	Village Of Trenton	utilities-trenton	\$256.08
05/09/2023	35738	Walker, Kelcey	mileage	\$685.79
05/09/2023	35739	Weimer, Todd	mileage	\$324.88
05/09/2023	35740	Wright, Jaci	mileage	\$248.90
05/01/2023	Liability	Blue Cross And Blue Shield	BCBS EE+CH HSA	\$30,014.14
05/01/2023	Liability	KUNNEMANN HSA	HSA EE Carol Kunnemann	\$50.00
05/01/2023	Liability	Colonial Life & Accident Insurance	Colonial Life & Acc Ins	\$452.02
05/01/2023	Liability	Community First Bank	NPERS	\$22,096.75
05/01/2023	Liability	Community First Bank-FICA	Federal Withholding	\$8,562.01
05/01/2023	Liability	Community First Bank-FICA	FICA	\$13,721.92
05/01/2023	Liability	Community First Bank-FICA	Medicare	\$3,209.16
05/01/2023	Liability	McCORKLE HSA	HSA EE Cynthia McCorkle	\$100.00
05/01/2023	Liability	Esu #15 Cafeteria/125 Plan	Cafeteria 125	\$1,770.84
05/01/2023	Liability	BRENNING HSA	HSA EE Laurie Brenning	\$223.00
05/01/2023	Liability	LegalShield, Inc	Pre-pd legal/Ident theft	\$25.90
05/01/2023	Liability	MASA Global Building	MASA	\$98.00
05/01/2023	Liability	MG Trust Company	MG 403(b)	\$3,700.00
05/01/2023	Liability	Nebraska Depart. Of Revenue	State Withholding - NE	\$3,966.68
05/01/2023	Liability	CALVERT HSA	HSA EE Paul Calvert	\$350.00
05/01/2023	Liability	Principal Life Insurance Co.	LTD	\$456.95
05/01/2023	Liability	BURKE HSA	HSA EE SHARRIEA BURKE	\$50.00
05/01/2023	Liability	Vision Service Plan (CT)	Vision- Family- 125	\$217.56
			<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>\$ 156,142.50</b>
			<b>Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 74,392.27</b>
			<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 230,534.77</b>

# April 2023

## Treasurer Report

### Balances as of April 25, 2023

<b>Checking Account- ESU#15</b>	<b>\$ 851,569.95</b>	<b>Comm First Bank Balance-ESU#15</b>	<b>\$ 851,569.95</b>
<b>Money Market-Comm First Bank</b>	<b>\$ 2,137,000.97</b>	<b>-Outstanding checks</b>	<b>\$12,171.33</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,988,570.92</b>	<b>-May 2023 checks</b>	<b>\$ 230,534.77</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 608,863.85</b>

### Outstanding Checks

Date	Check #	Description	Amount
6/13/2022	34876	Cherie McClintock	\$75.00
1/11/2023	35423	Trails West Texaco	\$38.16
3/14/2023	35551	Angie Englot	\$722.47
4/11/2023	35609	Nathan Behlke	\$70.74
4/11/2023	35625	Educational Service Unit 9	\$170.00
4/11/2023	35627	Angie Englot	\$398.24
4/11/2023	35628	Kelly Erickson	\$438.85
4/11/2023	35633	Micheal Harris	\$15.72
4/11/2023	35634	Holiday Inn Express-Hastings	\$98.00
4/11/2023	35639	Aida Lopez	\$1,069.62
4/11/2023	35641	McCook Public Schools	\$813.67
4/11/2023	35643	Mid Plains Community College	\$415.17
4/11/2023	35646	NRCSA	\$420.00
4/11/2023	35659	Thompson, Aaron	\$60.00
4/18/2023	35668	Black Hills Energy	\$279.04
4/20/2023	35670	Rachel's Challenge	\$6,500.00
4/25/2023	35671	Great Plains Communications	\$586.65
		<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>\$12,171.33</b>

### Receipts

Date	Description	Amount
3/31/2023	State of NE	\$12,448.86
4/11/2023	Hayes Center Schools	\$18,689.69
4/12/2023	Hitchcock Co Treasurer	\$8,057.72
	Furnas Co Treasurer	\$203.97
	Frontier Co Treasurer	\$3,367.05
4/18/2023	Lincoln Co Treasurer	\$1,111.87
	Dundy Co Treasurer	\$11,528.14
	Chase Co Treasurer	\$7,735.48
	Red Willow Co Treasurer	\$8,200.79
	Hayes Co Treasurer	\$2,145.47
	Wauneta Palisade Schools	\$25,833.65
	Hitchcock Co Schools	\$26,535.04
	North Platte Schools	\$3,750.00
	Maywood Schools	\$20,558.67
	SW Schools	\$18,369.16
	McCook Public Schools	\$10,471.88
	Dundy Co Stratton Schools	\$24,458.66
4/19/2023	State of NE-serv coord	\$18,732.30
4/20/2023	ESU 16	\$2,309.76
	Medicine Valley Schools	\$20,033.88
	McCook E-Free Church	\$200.00
4/25/2023	Community First Bank	\$199.92
	Community First Bank-MM	\$1,965.40
	<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>\$246,907.36</b>

2022-23

Taxes Collected

	Budget Amt.	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	% PAID	BALANCE
Chase	\$207,519.59	25,957.46	14,250.10	1,493.34	888.11	55,553.53	15,092.91	15,319.83	7,735.48					0.66	\$64,615.90
Dundy	\$137,423.69	29,236.05	9,882.12	462.85	625.41	23,919.30	12,317.66	7,241.77	11,528.14					0.69	\$42,210.39
Frontier	\$78,335.43	13,993.39	3,415.22	739.63	202.43	20,434.45	4,604.29	4,758.08	3,367.05					0.66	\$26,820.89
Furnas	\$12,942.48	2,209.01	859.72	298.30	0.00	3,383.10	854.98	705.13	203.97					0.66	\$4,428.27
Hayes	\$75,470.80	11,488.86	3,544.59	1,256.21	1,532.50	18,068.01	7,631.67	5,361.98	2,145.47					0.68	\$24,441.51
Hitchcock	\$113,553.41	22,352.15	4,640.34	852.13	429.59	22,945.36	10,807.74	2,037.36	8,057.72					0.64	\$41,431.02
Lincoln	\$36,352.99	7,781.91	1,650.98	296.57	36.64	8,360.21	1,419.90	1,867.51	1,111.87					0.62	\$13,827.40
Perkins	\$18.38													0.00	\$18.38
Red Willow	\$200,906.66	37,874.33	6,470.04	2,428.34	797.44	39,392.52	11,246.60	5,319.63	8,002.79					0.56	\$89,374.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$862,523.44</b>	<b>150,893.16</b>	<b>44,713.11</b>	<b>7,827.37</b>	<b>4,512.12</b>	<b>192,056.48</b>	<b>63,975.75</b>	<b>42,611.29</b>	<b>42,152.49</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>\$313,781.67</b>

Dundy Co Pro-rated payment from CRA

\$4,005.34  
\$4,364.70  
**\$8,370.04**

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Next Board Meeting Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 Noon, ESU # 15 in McCook, NE

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**Ambience Counseling Center &  
Educational Service Unit (ESU) #15  
Service Agreement**

This agreement is made and entered into this 5th Day of May 2023 by and between Ambience Counseling Center and Educational Service Unit (ESU) #15.

**Preliminary Statement**

ESU #15 has requested a .40 FTE Licensed Mental Health Practitioner from Ambience to provide counseling to students and consultation to public schools teaching and administrative staff. Ambience has made application to the Nebraska Department of Education for Special Services Populations provider status.

**Terms of Agreement**

This agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between Ambience and ESU #15. The specific ESU #15 member school districts to serve during the 2023-24 school year include Maywood Public Schools and Dundy County Stratton Public Schools.

No change in this agreement shall be valid unless approved by Ambience and ESU #15, and unless such approval endorsed hereof and attached hereto.

This agreement may be terminated immediately upon mutual consent of Ambience and ESU #15. Otherwise, this agreement may be terminated by either party by providing written notice to the other party 30 days in advance.

Any written notice required for termination shall be sufficient if delivered to the applicable organization at their usual place of business activity.

The term of the agreement shall begin on or about August 21, 2023 and shall be in effect until May 19, 2024.



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**Ambience Responsibilities**

Ambience will provide a trained and licensed master's level therapist to ESU #15 throughout the term of the school year, on a .40 FTE basis, or 14-16 hours per week.

Scheduling will be defined between the therapist and the ESU #15 Director of Special Education. Progress notes will be maintained and kept up to date. School district personnel will be provided with treatment goals and quarterly progress reports.

Ambience will submit bi-annual billing statements to ESU #15 for services rendered, specifying the months of service being billed.

Billed amounts will be consistent with rates negotiated with Nebraska Department of Education. The projected rate is \$75 per hour for non drive time activities and \$65 for driving for a total of 14-16 hours per week, or \$1,000- \$1,160 per week or \$4,000-\$4,640 per month.

Drive time may be billed at \$65 per hour and may be included in the 14-16 hours per week. Mileage may be billed at the current federal rate (\$0.655/mile) and the base of employment will be McCook.

If the ESU 15 districts decide not to contract with ESU 15 for licensed mental health therapy services during the 2023-24 school year, this contract would become void immediately.

**Educational Service Unit #15 Responsibilities**

ESU #15 agrees to provide adequate facilities, furnishings, scheduling and referrals so as to accommodate the therapist in delivery of the requested services.

ESU #15 agrees to pay Ambience Counseling Center the agreed fees quarterly, and timely upon receipt of billing.

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Lindsay McConville, MS, LIMHP  
Ambience Counseling Center

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Date

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John Hanson, Director of Special Education  
Educational Service Unit #15

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Date