

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL  
 SERVICE UNIT NO. 13

The regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 13 (ESU 13) was called to order by President Mark Sinner on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the ESU 13 Main Office, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE. Meeting notice was published in the Star-Herald on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

President Sinner referenced the Nebraska Open Meetings Act as posted and noted that the Board reserves the right to rearrange the order of the agenda and to convene an executive session in accordance with § 84-1410.

Present: Steve Diemoz, Don Egging, Tim Horn, Patricia Jones, Bill Knapper, Kim Marx, Tom Millette, Ray Richards, Mark Sinner, Dr. Laura Barrett - Interim Administrator, and Jodi Walker - Business Manager. Guests: Krystie Hohnstein, Jacey Marietta, and Tom Peacock.

Absent: Diane Coon, Heather Crofutt, and Scott Marsh.

Moved by Knapper, seconded by Egging, that absent Board Members Diane Coon, Heather Crofutt, and Scott Marsh be excused. Aye: Diemoz, Horn, Jones, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner. Nay: none. Absent: Coon, Crofutt, Marsh. Motion passed.

Moved by Horn, seconded by Millette, that the agenda be approved as listed. Aye: Diemoz, Egging, Jones, Knapper, Marx, Richards, Sinner. Nay: none. Absent: Coon, Crofutt, Marsh. Motion passed.

Moved by Richards, seconded by Diemoz, that consent action items be approved as listed (Minutes of Budget Hearing, Tax Request Hearing, and September regular meeting, Treasurer's Report, Fund Balance Report, Budget Summary Report, Claims, Head Start program employee contract, and Staff Travel). Aye: Egging, Horn, Jones, Knapper, Marx, Millette, Sinner. Nay: none. Absent: Coon, Crofutt, Marsh. Motion passed.

The following General Fund claims were approved for payment:

<b>October 19, 2021 Claims</b>	
Salaries, Benefits	\$862,733.78
Prof. & Tech. Services; Mileage	\$124,196.35
Leases, Utilities & Maintenance	\$20,285.85
Copies, Postage, Telephone & Travel	\$91,433.34
Supplies, Materials, Software & other Util.	\$115,145.07
Bldg. Improvements, Furn., Equipment, Hardware, Vehicle Acquisition	\$5,890.00
Transfer for Investments	\$0.00
Dues, Fees & Ind. Costs	\$52,398.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,272,082.43</b>

Calendar items were discussed. Dr. Laura Barrett, Board Members Diemoz and Knapper will be attending the NASB State Education Conference.

No public forum.

Reports:

ESU 13's Director of Alternative Education, Tom Peacock, gave a presentation reviewing changes in the Alternative Education Department for this school year. He presented the new Valley Alternative Learning Transitioning School (VALTS) logo that is displayed in the hallway at the HARMS center. New student lockers have been installed for the students. In addition, the VALTS Facebook page has been updated. VALTS has partnered with three ESU programs to implement the Sycamore School Management System. Acellus Learning Accelerator has also been implemented. Currently there are four teachers and 41 students enrolled with two First Quarter graduates. We are in our second year for students to attend at our Sidney Satellite Office. NEVA is used for credit recovery.

Head Start Director's Report for September - no discussion.

Administrator's Report:

- ESUCC Cooperative Cooperative Purchasing Sales and Savings by ESUs, vendor, school, and program were presented. School Districts saved \$447,000 by utilizing the Cooperative Purchasing System.
- Our Election Districts Committee met on October 11th to begin the process of reviewing the census data for changes. October 31st is the deadline for Counties to have their changes made. They will submit their information to ESU by November 5th at which time the Committee will reconvene. The Committee will bring the recommendation to the Board at the regular December meeting.
- Dr. Katie Carrizales will work with two pilot schools to utilize the School Mental Health Grant that has been approved by NDE for the purpose of training ESU staff to become a trainer of the Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Program in order to provide training and guidance to the school districts across the state.

Board Member Comments: Ray Richards commented on the district wide safety drill that was done on Monday, October 18th.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Moved by Richards, seconded by Marx, that the Board approve the submission of carryover COVID Year One funds in the amount of \$68,966.00 for equipment and upgrades of Head Start Program locations. Aye: Egging, Horn, Jones, Knapper, Millette, Sinner, Diemoz. Nay: none. Absent: Coon, Crofutt, Marsh. Motion passed.

Moved by Egging, seconded by Diemoz, that the above listed minutes be approved as read. Aye: Horn, Jones, Knapper, Marx, Millette, Richards, Sinner. Nay: none. Absent: Coon, Crofutt, Marsh. Motion passed.

President Sinner declared the regular meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at ESU 13 Main Office, 4215 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE.