

ESU #13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Regular Meeting – 10:00 AM
ESU #13 Center, 4021 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE
Broadcast Sites: ESU #13 in Sidney and Chadron State College-Miller
Hall, Room 309

Present: Chadron site: Dr. Caroline Winchester, Lori Liggett, Russell Lechtenberg, Casper Ningen
Dr. Brett Gies, Don King, Julie Downing

Creek Valley Site: Ron Howard

Garden County Site: Dr. Paula Sissel

Scottsbluff Site: Lana Sides, Travis Miller, Bob Hastings, Kent Halley, Tim Cody, Kathy Urbanek, Joe Sherwood, Rick Myles, Ellen Dillon (WNCC-Scottsbluff), Julie Newman (WNCC-Scottsbluff), BJ Peters, Craig Hicks, Laura Barrett, Jadie Beam, Dr. Katie Carrizales, George Schlothauer, Paul Smith, Donna Jenne, and Desira Martin-Administrative Assistant

Sidney Site: Dr. Jeff West, Lori Miller, Mike Williams, Jay Ehler, Nici Johnson, Paula Abbott – WNCC (Sidney),

Absent: Dr. Troy Unzicker, Chuck Lambert, Kirk Hughes, Dr. Kim Dale, Robin Iossi, Kiowa Rogers

Guests: Dr. Jim Tenopir – Executive Director, Nebraska School Activities Association
Dr. Michael Dulaney – Executive Director, Nebraska Council of School Administrators
Tyler Irvine – Panhandle Partnership
Faith Mills – Region I – Youth & Prevention Systems Manager

Welcome/Introductions: Introductions at each site were given.

Superintendent Items for Discussion: None

Dr. Jim Tenopir – Executive Director, Nebraska School Activities Association

The following topics were presented:

- Medical coverage at local events - NSAA does not require a physician or trainer to be at events. However, they are available at state events. There have been discussions with Legislators regarding the topic and it will be discussed at the NSAA Board retreat.
- Efforts to minimize discrimination in sports – Efforts are needed to eliminate racial innuendos, incidents, and catcalls. They would appreciate any feedback from our superintendents.
- Home-school eligibility changes – Last year, the requirements for participation loosened. In order for the student to participate, the student must be enrolled in 20 credit hours a semester with at least 10 of those credit hours in the member school. In addition, the student would have needed to pass 20 credit hours in the previous semester with 10 of those in the member school. It is up to the school to accept the credit hours.

- Unified Sports: bowling, track & field, age – Bowling is in the second year and has been very successful with greater acceptance of students with intellectual disabilities. There are tentative plans to add track and field events to combine students with intellectual disabilities with other students in the 100 yard dash, long jump, and 4 X 4 relay.
- Wheelchair exhibition track races – this Spring, there will be 200 and 800 meter races. Funding for the wheelchairs is an issue they are working on.
- Efforts to add bowling as NSAA activity – this is currently a proposal in legislation. It would be a varsity winter sport. Superintendents will receive an email regarding the proposal following the March NSAA Board meeting.
- Football classifications, scheduling – there may be some discussion regarding payment ranges of game officials.
- State Duals Wrestling

For more details, please see the power point presentation below.

[Link to presentation](#)

Dr. Michael Dulaney – Executive Director, Nebraska Council of School Administrators:

Highlights from the presentation:

Full –day floor debate begins today, February 28, 2018

Dr. Dulaney reviewed bills in the Revenue Committee and Education Committee. Below are some of the comments:

- Linehan Priority –LB 295-General File – Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits. *We should be hearing on this any day. NCSA is opposed to this bill.*
- Briese priority-LB 1084 – Adopt the Property Tax Request Limitation Act, provide sunset dates for certain tax exemptions and incentives, and change other revenue and taxation provisions. *This is a viable solution and we are in favor of this bill.*
- Smith priority-LB 947 – Adopt the Nebraska Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act, change income tax rates, and eliminate certain exemptions and credits. *This is the Governor's wish but will probably have a slow response.*
- Bolz priority – LB 998 – Create the Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Programs. *We are big supporters of this bill. This bill brings hope for more access to mental health with a social worker being an ESU or school employee. They would provide assistance in coordinating help for families.*

For a full list of items, see the Legislative Report link below:

[NCSA - Legislative Report](#)

Tyler Irvine – Panhandle Partnership:

Mr. Irvine presented “Community Response” which is a system of temporary supports and services for children and families to prevent the unnecessary entry into the child welfare system and/or other high end systems of care. The overall goal of Community Response is to increase family and community protective factors to strengthen parent and child resiliency, increase self-sufficiency, and realize positive life outcomes over time. Resources are available for both concrete supports and gaps in behavioral health services. School principals or other school officials can call 308-633-3263 to begin the process. There is a target population for concrete supports: families with children 0-14. For gaps in behavioral health services: families with children or youth 0-24 with mental/behavioral health needs. These services are available through private funds.

Here is the link to view the Panhandle Partnership information.

[Community Response Overview for Schools](#)

Faith Mills – Region I Youth and Preventative Systems Manager:

Faith Mills reviewed several youth behavioral health services that are available. These services are made possible through the Systems of Care grant. Some of the services she mentioned are:

- Family in Crisis
- IOP- Collaborating with ESU #13
- Professional Partner Program
- Professional Partner Program – Justice Wrap Pilot- for families with children on probation. This pilot program does not have the financial or mental health requirement that Professional Partner program does.
- A provider directory was given to the Superintendents as a reference

Bayard Superintendent, Travis Miller, suggested putting the services on Facebook or Twitter.

Region I will have the “kick-off” for the Pony Express ride. The Eagle riders will collect support letters for mental health services from Scottsbluff to Lincoln.

Below are the links for the above information:

[Crisis Response Brochure](#)

[FM Business Card](#)

[IOP Brochure - Region 1](#)

[PPP Brochure](#)

[PPP Probation Pilot](#)

[Provider Directory - Region 1](#)

[Region 1 Youth Services Ad](#)

Panhandle Early Childhood Services Update (Nici Johnson):

- Panhandle Early Childhood Buffet Event: After the Google calendar poll, it was determined that April 10th is the best day for districts to send teams of 2-3 people, along with ESU staff and community partners, to meet from 11:30 to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The meeting will be held at ESU #13 in conference rooms B & C. We will be grouping districts similar in size to review their snapshot by theme and commonalities that will help us to develop a Panhandle vision and strategic plan for early childhood sustainability.

Administrator’s Report:

- Update of LB801: Panhandle Beginnings Day treatment/Day School: Dr. West thanked everyone for their efforts in obtaining names of community members and leaders to add to the letter that was sent to the Governor and Senators. We had over 100 names. This bill is still in the Education Committee. Due to the financial needs of the bill, it will probably stay in committee this year. Senator Stinner says he will make sure it is put on the docket for next year. Dr. West will be meeting with our staff to see if there is some way to start the pilot without state funding by having a small number of students with one classroom.
- Update of LB803: Early childhood education. There has been an amendment to the bill (AM1719). This amendment still allows for the requirement of teacher certification, however,

NDE has the ability to produce a waiver for entities that show a hardship. This bill and amendment were placed on the General file in the legislature on February 23rd.

- Future Administrator Webinar Series by Perry Law Firm
 - March 13, 2018 – Extracurricular Activity Issues
 - April 3, 2018 – Teacher Discipline and Termination
 - May 8, 2018 – Common Graduation Scenarios and How to Address Them
- Future ESU AAC meetings:
 - April 25, 2018 – Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, Commissioner, NDE and David Ludwig, Executive Director, ESUCC.

Director Reports: (Please access the electronic reports that were sent earlier) Additional comments are below.

TECH (B.J. Peters): Julie Newman of WNCC would be happy to research classes for dual credit. Medical Terminology and Body and Structure are now available for next year. Julie asked if the Superintendents knew of any teachers that would be interested to teach dual credit classes to let her know.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION (George Schlothauer): VALTS had 6 graduates in December. This quarter they are working on guitar building. If anyone needs classes created, please let him know.