

MINUTES OF MEETING
ESU 13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
DL Meeting
ESU 13 - Scottsbluff; ESU 13 - Sidney; CSC Miller Hall Rm. #309 - Chadron

No Round Table Discussion for December

10:00 AM - Regular Meeting

Present:

Chadron Site: Dr. Caroline Winchester, Lori Liggett, Dr. Brett Gies, Don King, Russell Lechtenberg, Charles Isom, B.J. Peters

Scottsbluff Site: Katherine Urbanek, Ellen Dillon, Rick Myles, Dr. Evelyn Brown, Dr. Pam Brezenski, Dr. Andrew Dick, Desira Martin, Danielle Cole, George Schlothauer, Jadie Beam, Nici Johnson, Dr. Katie Carriazales, Craig Hicks

Sidney Site: Tim Cody, Patrick Ningen, Adam Patrick, Jay Ehler, Lori Biesecker

Absent:

Dr. Troy Unzicker, Dr. Travis Miller, Chuck Lambert, Kirk Hughes, Jess Underwood, Dr. Bob Hastings, Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Chris Geary, Joe Sherwood, Julia Newman, Paula Abbott

Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Andrew Dick welcomed everyone and introduced the superintendents who were present at each site.

Superintendent's Items for Discussion - Mr. Tim Cody asked for discussion regarding transportation training for coaches and sponsors. B. J. Peters, ESU 13 Safety Director, says our local bus trainer has several other commitments so it's hard to find time to train here locally. A couple of people out of North Platte may be willing to do DL sessions. We may be able to join Mitchell's training by DL. There has to be a proctor at each site.

B.J. reached out to Janice Eret, School Finance Specialist at NDE for further clarification and she added the following:

One of the main changes to the new Rule 91 (effective 7/1/19) was to eliminate school bus permits but maintain the training requirements for drivers. After the rule became effective, language in the rule was identified that could be interpreted that drivers of small vehicles on activity trips would now be required to have medical exams and Level training like any other pupil transportation driver requirement.

The Rule 91 hearing next Wednesday (December 18 at 10 am) presents new language to exempt small vehicle drivers for activities from the Level training and medical exams. There are only two sections that are proposed to be changed:

003.02C - Initial Training Requirements to Qualify as a Pupil Transportation Driver.

When an individual has never held a school bus permit, or has never met the requirements to qualify to drive a pupil transportation vehicle, the following requirements shall be met for all pupil transportation drivers except drivers of small vehicles for activity trips only:

003.03A - Each employer shall have on file a valid Medical Examiner's Certificate for each driver it employs, except drivers of small vehicles for activity trips only on-file. If the Medical Examiner's Certificate is valid for less than two (2) years, the employer shall require an updated valid Certificate.

After the hearing is held, these proposed changes will be sent to the Attorney General's Office and the Governor's Office for approval. Since staff from both of these offices have been briefed on these changes, we hope that this Rule will be in place soon. However, there is no guarantee.

We are asking schools to either attend the hearing or provide written testimony prior to the Rule 91 hearing. Testimony would be very helpful to show the AG and the Governor's offices school district interest in this revision. If any of your districts are wanting to provide written testimony, please ask them to email it to me by next Tuesday, December 17, so I can provide it prior to the hearing.

You can contact Janice Eret or Bryce Wilson at 402-471-4321 if you have any questions

Lori Biesecker, ESU 13 -gave Perkins update

With the reauthorization of Perkins, the application process could look quite different and require more for school districts. If you have time, feel free to read the Perkins V plan in draft form, <https://www.education.ne.gov/nce/perkins-v-state-plan/>. Otherwise be looking for more information as to what will be expected from school districts from Lori Biesecker as she finds out more in her various Perkins V meetings; two in December and one the beginning of January. Perkins V is open for public comment until January 15.

Joe Peitzmeier, Executive Director of ESU 2 - Pathways 2 Tomorrow (P2T) Career Education Model

Mr. Peitzmeier gave a presentation regarding Pathways 2 Tomorrow (P2T) and explained how the consortium began. Five years ago, it was started through reVISION (a Perkins supported district grant). In the Fall of 2015, 10 schools began meeting and collaborating. In January 2016, regional meetings were held to discuss community needs, area needs and concerns addressing employability skills, programs of study and partnerships. It was through this reVision process that P2T was created with 6 schools and a consortium model was developed. P2T provides Computer Science, Health Science Skilled & Technical Science, Transportation and Education. His powerpoint is included below.

[“Partnering For a Stronger American Workforce” powerpoint link](#)

Jadie Beam, Director, ESU 13 Professional Learning - SIMPL - Jadie gave an update and demonstrated how to use the SIMPL website. No login is required to view a particular school. The link below gives instructions on how to access and use the data. New data is entered each month. One new feature is that information from our Impact system now goes into SIMPL data. It does not give staff names but numbers that have attended professional learning events which can be used for reports. This data helps drive what ESU needs to serve school districts. Qualitative data: ESU will not use this detail.

[SIMPL Directions for Advisory Meeting](#)

Administrator’s Report

- Strategic Plan - Goal 1 Discussion

Strategic Objective 1.3: By 2019, ESU 13 work with member schools to support ESU 13 funding and collaborate with ESU 13 school districts to assist them with grant training, support, and assistance with grant preparation.

Dr. Dick is seeking input as to what schools want from this strategic plan goal. Some concern has been expressed that if ESU 13 was to employ a grant writer that it could pose a potential problem of competition between schools for grants. He wants to ensure that we are adhering to the strategic plan so please provide feedback. He will bring it back in January for further discussion.

- Early Childhood/Head Start Teacher Certification Update
 - Revised Rule 11

<https://www.nebraska.gov/nesos/rules-and-regs/regtrack/proposals/1940.pdf>

Andrew met with Melody Hobson and staff from NDE regarding this issue. Dr. Dick encourages superintendents to look at the changes in Rule 11 for early childhood teacher certification.

- TalentEd- Crystal Smith, ESU 13’s Human Resource manager was here for questions. We are working on customization for certified codes.
- Future ESU AAC Meetings
 - Wednesday, January 22, 2020 (Hosted by Scottsbluff Public Schools)
 - Lane Carr and Shirley Vargas from NDE
 - Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, Nebraska Commissioner of Education
 - Wednesday, February 26, 2020 (via DL and hosted from Sidney)
 - Mike Dulaney and Dan Ernst from NCSA
 - March - no meeting scheduled (NRCSA Conference)
 - Wednesday, April 22, 2020 (Hosted from Gering Public Schools)
- Legal Webinars Available
 - KSB School Law 2019-2020 Webinar Series

- February 11, 2020 - Personnel
- March 24, 2020 - Title IX

For highlights from ESU 13 departments, please see Director's Notes section at the end of the agenda.

END OF MINUTES