

**Educational Service Unit Coordinating
Council Regular Meeting
February 7, 2019 at 8:30 AM
Central ESU 2 plus Zoom
2320 North Colorado
Fremont, NE 68026**

Attendance Taken at 8:32 AM.

Heimann ESU 01: Absent

DeTurk ESU 02: Present

Schnoes ESU 03: Present

Robke ESU 04: Present

McNiff ESU 05: Present

Shoemake ESU 06: Absent

Polk ESU 07: Present

Mowinkel ESU 08: Present

Lofquist ESU 09: Present

Wheelock ESU 10: Present

Barnes ESU 11: Present

West ESU 13: Present

Calvert ESU 15: Present

Paulman ESU 16: Absent

Erickson ESU 17: Present

Standish ESU 18: Present

Wickham ESU 19: Present

Attendance Update Taken at 8:36 AM. Paulman ESU 16: Present

Attendance Update Taken at 10:03 AM. Lofquist ESU 09: Absent

Attendance Update Taken at 10:05 AM. Heimann ESU 01: Present; Lofquist ESU 09: Present

ESU Coordinating Council Information

Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting

Educational Service Unit No. Video Conference Sites: ESU 2 (host), 1, 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 16, 18

Call to Order

Call to order at 8:30 AM.

Staff: David M Ludwig, Deb Hericks, Priscilla Quintana, Craig Peterson, Wade Fruhling, Beth Kabes

Guest: David Patten, Steve Williams, Russ Masco

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes for 1/15/19 and 2/1/19

Motion to approve the minutes for 1/15/19 and 2/1/19 as presented Passed with a motion by Polk ESU 07 and a second by Wickham ESU 19.

Robke ESU 04: Abstain (With Conflict), Mowinkel ESU 08: Abstain (With Conflict), Lofquist ESU 09: Abstain (With Conflict)

DeTurk ESU 02: Yea, Schnoes ESU 03: Yea, McNiff ESU 05: Yea, Polk ESU 07: Yea Wheelock ESU 10: Yea Barnes ESU 11: Yea West ESU 13: Yea Calvert ESU 15: Yea Erickson ESU 17: Yea Standish ESU 18: Yea Wickham ESU 19: Yea
Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

ESU Share Out Topics

ESU 8 held their winter school conference biggest session they had yet. ESU 15 and ESU 16 had a joint session with Board at North Platte. ESU 8 is working on the punch list for new location, first event will be the beginning of March. ESU 3 hosted one of the CCSI work session with schools. ESU 10 had their CCSI work session this week too. Very impressed with the work being done with schools with NDE and ESU support. ESU 11 hosted legal for the administrators/board.

Petitions and Communications to the Board

Fiducius Presentation

Patrick Connelly, Fiducius was present to discuss student loan financial planning. Employers trust Fiducius to deliver student loan benefits that support business objectives and improve financial wellness for an engaged, happy workforce. Our years of benefits administration experience ensures ease of implementation and maximum participation. First they attempt to put them into federal loan forgiveness, loan refinancing loan consolidation are the areas they work with students. Fiducius shared some sample cases with Board. PSLF (Public Service Loan Forgiveness) Program established in 2007. Must work for a non-profit. Average reduction is 83%. Less than 4% of eligible borrowers are aligned to PSLF. Engagement Process: Kick-off Campaign, Impact Review, Onsite Engagement, Fiducius Contribution, Targeted Recruiting.

Patrick Connelly,
Business Development Manager
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www.getfiducious.com

PDO Website/Calendar Presentation

BlendEd/Distance Education Director shared the process of getting the PDO website calendar put into your work calendar.

SRS Presentation

SRS Director gave a demo of the SRS Website that will be rolling out over the next few months.

State Board of Education and Nebraska Department of Education Report

[NDE Board Meetings](#)

Covered throughout committee reports.

Association of Education Service Agency's Report

AESA Report – Dr. West did not attend the advocacy meeting in Washington DC. Executive

Director shared that he attended and they had good conversations. Will send out final report once approved at the national level.

Learning Community Update

Dave Patton was present to give updates from Learning Community.

Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the appointment and/or employment of an Executive Director which may include, but is not necessarily limited to:

Dr. West took charge of meeting from Board President. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the appointment and/or employment of an Executive Director which may include, but is not necessarily limited to: Making arrangements for an interim Executive Director; Defining the search process; Deciding whether to use a search firm; Identifying the skills, experience, and other job qualifications needed for the position; Developing or amending a written job description; Approving an employment contract for the position of Executive Director; Hiring or offering employment to an Executive Director; Directing the current Executive Director and/or the Executive Committee to solicit applications and related materials for the position of Executive Director through a job posting or other appropriate solicitation. Dr. Schnoes shared that this is an Open Meeting so they can stay in the room but applicants could leave if they would like. Dr. Schnoes thanked everyone for being part of the interview process. Dr. Schnoes continues to collect information, references, etc. Would like to offer position to Dr. Kraig Lofquist pending contract negotiations. References checks were positive results. Steve Williams, KSB has changes needed to appointment and contracts to be discussed by this group. Dr. West thanked both candidates for applying for the position.

Recommend approving an employment position for the position of Executive Director to Kraig Lofquist pending contract negotiations Passed with a motion by Polk ESU 07 and a second by Erickson ESU 17.

Heimann ESU 01: Yea; DeTurk ESU 02: Yea, Schnoes ESU 03: Yea, Robke ESU 04: Yea, McNiff ESU 05: Yea, Polk ESU 07: Yea, Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea, Wheelock ESU 10: Yea, Barnes ESU 11: Yea, West ESU 13: Yea, Calvert ESU 15: Yea, Paulman ESU 16: Yea, Erickson ESU 17: Yea, Standish ESU 18: Yea, Wickham ESU 19: Yea.
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Recommended motion for the council to enter closed session to receive legal advice regarding the appointment and employment documents for the executive director employment position because a closed session is clearly necessary to protect the public's interest and to maintain the attorney-client privilege at 11:29 AM Passed with a motion by Polk ESU 07 and a second by Schnoes ESU 03.

Standish ESU 18: Absent; Heimann ESU 01: Yea, DeTurk ESU 02: Yea, Schnoes ESU 03: Yea, Robke ESU 04: Yea, McNiff ESU 05: Yea, Polk ESU 07: Yea, Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea, Lofquist ESU 09: Yea, Wheelock ESU 10: Yea, Barnes ESU 11: Yea, West ESU 13: Yea, Calvert ESU 15: Yea, Paulman ESU 16: Yea, Erickson ESU 17: Yea, Wickham ESU 19: Yea
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Came out of Executive Session 12:14 PM.

Executive Reports

Executive Director Report

Executive Director shared updates for bold steps committees.

ESUCC Redesign: Update

ESU Standards

Standards Committee met last week and decided to postpone for time being.

Joint Decision Making Parameters

Joint Decisions Making committee had a meeting recently. Russ Masco joined the committee from NDE. Development of core values and core beliefs. Brad Dirksen could possible help with a problem solving directive.

SIMPL Inventory

SIMPL inventory has been added into SIMPL. This work was completed during January PDO. Committee has not formally met since PDO.

Value-Add Metric

Value Add Metric shared they made a video. Nate McClenahan, ESU 10 will help roll the project out by March to be shared at board meeting.

Value Proposition

Value Proposition Committee has nothing new to report.

Executive Committee Report

President shared discussion in Committee. Discussed Brad Portin gave an overview of the CCSI/ELLC/NLLN process. Russ Masco shared the expectations of the development and scale up of the model. Brad Portin will work with Kim Snyder to continue discussion. There will be a special edition of the talking points going out the end of next week. NLLN is in the process of hiring a director from this process. They will facilitate work with a selected group of principles to design the process. They will develop a principal development process especially for those that have identified schools through CCSI process. Need to stay on top of the process so when schools come in and out of process, ESUs we are aware of process. There is not a requirement for schools to participate, however, schools are strongly encouraged. It was noted that most of the schools identified are in the Metro area. New director for NLLN will be made public on 02/08/2019.

Executive Director discussed the possible use of Smart Sheets to track, share and communicate projects. A presentation will be shared at the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Finance, Audit, Budget Committee

Approval of January Expenses to be paid in February. Expenses total for the month \$134,075.68.

Recommend motion to approve January expenses to be paid in February Passed with a motion by Schnoes ESU 03 and a second by Mowinkel ESU 08.

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Yea: 16, Nay: 0

Technology Committee

Committee Chair reported discussions in committee. Lengthy discussion on single sign on. There was a presentation for Learn360. Dean Folkers was present to discuss the tech survey, please get

your in. Looking for volunteers to pilot. LR 264 – NDE would like ESUCC to support. Innovative Grant will have policies draft later the summer. Security Audit will be done by Homeland Security. Discussion on the BlendEd amendment to Special Project. Recommend approval with no cost increase.

Recommend Approval Amendment to TLT Special Project

Recommend Approval of Amendment to TLT Special Project with no increase of budget but expand the effort of the work Passed with a motion by DeTurk ESU 02 and a second by Lofquist ESU 09.

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Cooperative Purchasing Project

Coop Chair shared discussion in committee. Paper bid went out on February 1, 2019. The bid is all inclusive of one company. Ongoing discussions of bringing on other states.

Approve signature on Notice of Merger by Interline Brands and Home Depot. ESUCC was notified on 01/29/2019 that Interline Brands was merging with Home Depot, effective February 3, 2019. Interline Brands is the vendor under contract for Custodial/Air Filters dated September 1, 2016.

Approve signature by Executive Director of Notice of Merger between Interline Brands and Home Depot. Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Calvert ESU 15.

Heimann ESU 01: Absent, DeTurk ESU 02: Yea, Schnoes ESU 03: Yea, Robke ESU 04: Yea, McNiff ESU 05: Yea, Polk ESU 07: Yea, Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea, Lofquist ESU 09: Yea, Wheelock ESU 10: Yea, Barnes ESU 11: Yea, West ESU 13: Yea, Calvert ESU 15: Yea, Paulman ESU 16: Yea, Erickson ESU 17: Yea, Standish ESU 18: Yea, Wickham ESU 19: Yea.

Yea: 15, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Approve Food bid extension for the 2019-2020 year with Sysco.

Approve 2019-2020 Extension with Sysco upon a favorable review by ESUCC appointed Attorney for the 2017-ESUCC-FDPRG food bid. Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Robke ESU 04.

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Yea: 16, Nay: 0

Approve Annual Buy Awards - 100 Electronics

Motion to approve the Annual Buy line item bids for 100-Electronics section as awarded by ESUCC Coop staff. Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Calvert ESU 15.

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Yea: 16, Nay: 0

PD Leadership Committee

Committee Chair shared discussion in committee. Refer back to committee notes including the budget of PDO budget requests to be voted on next month.

Special Populations Committee

Committee Chair shared discussions in committee. NDE and NESOC were not present for meeting but reviewed reports. SRS is looking for BETA tester for the SRS to begin in March Project Para will be a continued discussion on the involvement needed by ESUCC. MIPS/MAPS money - the Fairbanks group that does the funding. NASES will be meeting with Fairbanks at NASES for a roundtable discussion with Fairbanks. Wade Fruhling: wfruhling@esucc.org [SRS Timeline](#)

Legislative Committee

Legislative Committee met yesterday to discuss current legislation. The optimism of the Governor State of the State address may be short lived with the Forecast Board. Spending cap for 3%, might need to send letters of opposition. Some committee are requiring a 24-hour notice before hearing and that if you want it to become part of record, needs to be requested. Discussion on cash reserves will be brought up again this year. Senator luncheon will be next Wednesday, February 13 at the Bromm's office from 7:30-2:00pm.

NEW ESU Chief Administrators

Questions regarding redistricting, what time do you start the process? Process cannot begin until after the census in 2020? Will become effective 2022. Talk to your election commissioner. Plans for updating vehicle fleet, in the past have went through the government bid. Can we do locally? Can do an RFP process of your local area of service area. Vans vs cars - mixed bag across the state.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:16 PM.