

**ESU Coordinating Council Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2017 at 8:30 AM Central  
ESU No. 3  
6949 South 110th Street Omaha, NE 68128**

**Attendance Taken at 8:29AM.**

Heimann ESU 01: Present DeTurk ESU 02: Present Schnoes ESU 03: Present Robke ESU 04: Present McNiff ESU 05: Present Shoemake ESU 06: Absent Polk ESU 07: Absent Mowinkel ESU 08: Present Lofquist ESU 09: Present Bell ESU 10: Present Barnes ESU 11: Present West ESU 13: Present Calvert ESU 15: Present Paulman ESU 16: Present Erickson ESU 17: Present Standish ESU 18: Present Wickham ESU 19: Present

Larianne Polk left meeting at 11:15AM.

**Call to Order**

Call to order at 8:30 AM

**Roll Call**

Others Present:

Staff: David M Ludwig, Deb Hericks, Priscilla Quintana, Beth Kabes, Craig Peterson, Scott Isaacson

Guests: Keith Rohwer (I Love Public Schools), Karen Haase (Legal), Russ Masco (NDE), Mike Dulaney and Dan Ernst (NCSA)

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes and NDE notes as presented

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Passed with a motion by Schnoes ESU 03 and a second by Bell ESU 10.

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**ESU Share Out Topics**

ESU 8 has started the demolition of their buildings, to begin construction on their new buildings. They plan to be in new building in April 2019.

ESU 13 and ESU 3 have finished their audit. They did an excellent job. ESU 15/16 had a Legislative Round Table on October 31, 2017.

**Petitions and Communications to the Board**

**NE Loves Public Schools**

Dr. Keith Rohwer was present to share I Love Public Schools. He shared one of their documentaries on Nebraska schools. Their documentaries are available from their website,

free of charge. They received a grant from the Sherwood Foundation to help continue to advocate for Nebraska's Public Schools. We can help publicize the great work they do.

### **NCSA Legislative Update**

Mike Dulaney and Dan Ernst from NCSA were present to provide an update on legislation. Retirement issues will continue to be an issue. Property tax and income tax will both be on the docket. Administrator pay will be a discussion. They have requested all salary information for administrators. They are looking at all in the educational field (NCSA, ESUCC, ESU, Universities, etc.) Suggestion that you figure out your hourly wage per the actual hours. NCSA, ESUCC, NSEA, STANCE, GNSA, NASB, NCRSA formed an education coalition to meet and discuss needs. Budget deficit will continue to be discussed on how to cut to meet the deficit. Invite Senators out to schools and ESUs to see the work that we do and great work that is happening. Provide information to Senators information on ESUs, short and sweet. Discussion regarding Senator Erdman bill.

### **State Board of Education and Nebraska Department of Education**

November NDE-ESUCC Talking Point Summary (updated file attached): This final document includes the original talking points and updates reflecting questions and dialogue through today.

Russ Masco, NDE was present to discuss the talking points for November. Discussion regarding the collaborative process that was used to come up with the three focus areas. Student, Schools, and Leadership is how the State Board Strategic Plan is organized. At the ESUCC/NDE Collaborative meeting, they came up with three buckets. 1) Capacity Building and support for needs improvements schools; 2) Creating capacity, information, and knowledge through data use; 3) Educator effectiveness and leadership. We are aligning what we are doing to the Strategic Plan. We will align districts needs to our work as we move forward. What are our next steps to move process forward. CCSI group decided to create three working groups. From those groups, a plan will be developed to help needs improvement schools go through the school improvement process.

### **Strategic Planning Process**

#### **ESSA Update**

NDE has not heard anything from the US DoE. We have, however, begun to see reactions/reviews published by interest groups.

Those groups are as follows:

The Thomas B Fordham Institute released their review/rating of state accountability systems that were submitted in ESSA plans.

The National Center for Teacher Quality released reviews of Educator Equity in ESSA Plans.

Pertinent to Nebraska are the ESSA Educator Equity Best Practices Guide, Round 2 States and Educator Equity in Nebraska's ESSA State Plan.

### **Association of Education Service Agency's Report**

Annual conference is coming up the end of November in San Antonio.

### **AESA Affinity Groups AESA Affinity Groups:**

Blended/Personalized Learning

Ed-Fi Alliance use by ESAs

Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice

Special Education Service Providers Think tank

Open education resources (OER)

Visible Leadership

The Marketing and Outreach Affinity Group Coming Soon:

Early Literacy

Nonprofit Organization Entrepreneurism

ESA Programs/Services Evaluation

### **Executive Reports**

#### **Executive Director Report**

The Executive Director shared the NDE/ESUCC Structure of Support that we have been working on. He reviewed the document and the contents. The Executive Director reviewed where we have been and where we are now. Similar to process that we currently use. He reviewed the budget over the past several years and how we are moving forward with monthly meetings, procedures, etc. He reviewed past audit where we have moved from "out to get you" to "help you." Better conversations are being held with state auditors. We continue to work on multi-state efforts through the single sign on, portal, K-12 Federation, etc. The K-12 Federation is working on an RFI to gather information prior to the grant proposal due out in January. The focus will be disadvantage sub groups (ie: special populations). This could be an opportunity to expand on what we currently do with SRS. Legislatively we continue to work on our governmental relations support. Continue to communicate and provide awareness of the work we do with our schools. Behavior Health Committee has expanded to statewide communications. Coop continues to grow with a better product and services provided. SRS has been converted to Zend 1 and will continue on conversion to Zend 3. They are certified to begin work with ADVISER. District are wanting updates on what the dashboard status is and when it will be ready statewide. The goals of the ADVISER team having every district have access by February 2018. At that time (second semester) we expect the shift will be schools to get to the dashboard and start making it work to fit their needs. Technology is working on data privacy and security policies. Working to create a sustainable and efficient environment. Data Ecosystem alignment with ADVISER. Future Ready Council is working to develop a NE statewide digital learning plan. This group includes NDE, ESUCC, ESUs, School District and Higher Education all part of this council. ESUCC is working to align the priorities of from ESUCC/NDE Collaboration Day and PDO priorities to best support our schools. Executive Director is suggesting that the ESUCC Board go through the redesign process with Susan Leddick.

#### **Executive Committee Report**

The Committee Chair reviewed discussions in committee. Discussion regarding the redesign process. There was discussion regarding KSB seminars that we have been hosting the past

couple of years, NCSA will be taking the lead on these presentations. NCSA wants to know of any statewide trainings that are offered. Executive team met with the AEA Executives of Iowa to discuss a Multi-State Leadership Conference in April 2019. UNO may be interested in working with us to have this conference at UNO. The Farm to School Grant is available for farm to school opportunities.

### **Approve ESUCC/ESU Planning Process**

ESUCC Redesign proposed dates are Feb 7-8, 2018 and April 3-5, 2018 with April 4, 2018 being the NDE/ESUCC Collaboration Day. Dr Susan Leddick would be available for observations and stakeholder input on April 4 at the cost of \$3500 for the additional day. This process will help us to be more proactive versus reactive. ESUCC Redesign proposed dates are Feb 7-8, 2018 and April 3-5, 2018 with April 4, 2018 being the NDE/ESUCC Collaboration Day. Executive Director shared the process that AESA went through.

### **Motion to move forward with the planning of the ESUCC Redesign Process**

Passed with a motion by West ESU 13 and a second by McNiff ESU 05.

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### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Finance, Audit, Budget Committee**

The Committee Chair reviewed committee discussions.

### **Approve Claims, Financials Statements, and Assets for Month of September and October**

Committee Chair reviewed budget reports with committee.

### **Approve Claims, Financials Statements, and Assets for Month of September and October**

Passed with a motion by Schnoes ESU 03 and a second by DeTurk ESU 02.

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### **Approval of October Expenses to be paid in November.**

Expenses for the month total \$238,995.03. The Committee Chair reviewed October expenses to be paid in November.

### **Recommend motion to approve October expenses to be paid in November**

Passed with a motion by Schnoes ESU 03 and a second by Barnes ESU 11.

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**Recommend approval of December Claims as approved by Executive Director**

Committee Chair reviewed that we need to give approval to the Executive Director to pay December claims prior to the holiday. These claims will be reviewed at the January Meeting.

**Recommend approval of December Claims as to be approved by Executive Director to be Board approved in January**

Passed with a motion by Schnoes ESU 03 and a second by Erickson ESU 17.

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**Technology Committee**

Committee Chair reviewed discussions in committee. BlendEd co-hort applications are due by January 15. EdReady now has an English EdReady to be released in January. The Innovation Grant evaluation report is attached.

**Approve 2017-2018 TLT OER Commons Proposal**

Committee Chair reviewed the OER Commons Hub with the Board. TLT members have been in support of this purchase.

**Recommend approval of the 2017-2018 OER Commons Proposal**

Passed with a motion by DeTurk ESU 02 and a second by Bell ESU 10.

Heimann ESU 01: Yea DeTurk ESU 02: Yea Schnoes ESU 03: Yea Robke ESU 04: Yea McNiff ESU 05: Yea Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea Lofquist ESU 09: Yea Bell 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

**Cooperative Purchasing Project**

Committee Chair reviewed discussions in committee. The staff are setting the training schedule for the annual buy via Zoom.

Discussion to have the Board waive the bidding requirement pursuant to Board Policy 3012, and to give authority to the executive director to renew the existing contract with the revisions submitted by EqualLevel?

**Motion for the board to waive the bidding requirement pursuant to Board Policy 3012, and to give authority to the executive director to renew the existing contract with the revisions submitted by EqualLevel?**

Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Calvert ESU 15.

Heimann ESU 01: Yea DeTurk ESU 02: Yea Schnoes ESU 03: Yea Robke ESU 04: Yea McNiff ESU 05: Yea Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea Lofquist ESU 09: Yea Bell 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

**Discuss Ionwave contract, consider waiver of bidding requirement under Board Policy 3012, and take action with respect to possible contract renewal.**

Discussion to have the Board waive the bidding requirement pursuant to Board Policy 3012, and to give authority to the executive director to renew the existing contract with the revisions submitted by Ion Wave.

**Motion for the board to waive the bidding requirement pursuant to Board Policy 3012, and to give authority to the executive director to renew the existing contract with the revisions submitted by IonWave?**

Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Lofquist ESU 09.

Heimann ESU 01: Yea DeTurk ESU 02: Yea Schnoes ESU 03: Yea Robke ESU 04: Yea McNiff ESU 05: Yea Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea Lofquist ESU 09: Yea Bell 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

**Approve IonWave Contract Option**

Discussion to accept option 2, 3-year contract with 2 extensions.

**Motion to accept option 2, 3-year contract with 2 extensions for ionWave**

Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Heimann ESU 01.

Heimann ESU 01: Yea DeTurk ESU 02: Yea Schnoes ESU 03: Yea Robke ESU 04: Yea McNiff ESU 05: Yea Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea Lofquist ESU 09: Yea Bell 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

**Approve Squirrels LLC Special Buy**

Committee Chair discussed the contract with Squirrels LLC.

**Approve upon a favorable review by ESUCC appointed Attorney, Special Buy contract with Squirrels LLC**

Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Robke ESU 04.

Heimann ESU 01: Yea DeTurk ESU 02: Yea Schnoes ESU 03: Yea Robke ESU 04: Yea McNiff ESU 05: Yea Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea Lofquist ESU 09: Yea Bell 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

**Approve GoGuardian Special Buy**

Committee Chair discussed the contract with GoGuardian.

**Approve upon a favorable review by ESUCC appointed Attorney, Special Buy contract with GoGuardian**

Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Robke ESU 04.

Heimann ESU 01: Yea DeTurk ESU 02: Yea Schnoes ESU 03: Yea Robke ESU 04: Yea McNiff ESU 05: Yea Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea Lofquist ESU 09: Yea Bell 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

**Approve Saunders County Interlocal Agreement**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2017, at a duly convened and scheduled meeting of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council, also known as the ESUCC, it was recommended and deemed advisable that the Council enter into the Interlocal Agreement with Saunders County to jointly bid and contract, for supplies, materials, equipment, and services through the ESUCC's Cooperative Purchasing Program;

AND WHEREAS, consideration of the matter was a duly advertised agenda item for the said meeting of the ESUCC;

AND WHEREAS, an opportunity was afforded any interested party to comment on the matter; and the ESUCC being apprised of the various aspects of the issue;

AND WHEREAS, the Board has determined that entering into the Interlocal Agreement is in the best interests of the ESUCC and its members and is appropriate to provide for the efficient and effective operation of the ESUCC;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the ESUCC's Executive Director be authorized on behalf of the ESUCC, pursuant to this Resolution, to affix his signature to the aforementioned Interlocal Agreement and to do all things necessary to comply with said Agreement.

It was so moved by Mowinkel ESU 08 and seconded by Paulman ESU 16 this 15 day of November, 2017.

Roll call vote as follows:

Committee Chair discussed the inter-local with Saunders County.

**Recommend approval of proposed resolution, upon favorable review by ESUCC attorney.**

Passed with a motion by Mowinkel ESU 08 and a second by Paulman ESU 16.

Heimann ESU 01: Yea DeTurk ESU 02: Yea Schnoes ESU 03: Yea Robke ESU 04: Yea McNiff ESU 05: Yea Mowinkel ESU 08: Yea Lofquist ESU 09: Yea Bell 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

**PD Leadership Committee**

State Board Legislative Committee invited Larianne Polk to present SIMPL process. Good conversations and questions. It cannot be mandated, needs to grow through the needs of the ESUs. A second co-hort of the SIMPL process will begin after the first of the year, if interested let Larianne Polk know. This is not an accountability tool, it is an account of the work we

do. This is a professional development tool. This is a service implementation service model. The SIMPL advisory committee will be creating a best practice for the process.

Committee Chair shared discussion in committee. Brightbytes will extend the due date on the proposal so that we can further discuss. NDE/ESUCC will provide a letter for more information to be shared out. Future Ready has a Gear that will be looking at data from Brightbytes.

### **Special Populations Committee**

Committee Chair discussion in committee. The survey results are from school districts. Dan Schnoes shared individual results on the mental health survey. There will be another Behavioral Health Summit this summer. Circle of Friends is looking for a fiscal agent for the grant. There was an RFP sent out, after much conversation we did not submit a proposal due to lack of resources. SRS updates were given. Senator Walz is working on a bill that will help with resources for mental health. One possibility would be to have one social worker in each ESU and one statewide coordinator.

### **Legislative Committee**

Committee Chair reviewed discussions in committee. They discussed the Mental Health bill with Senator Walz. They will share the draft once ready. Discussions regarding the ESU 15/16 Legislative Round Table which Senator Groene attended. We will have the Legislative Day on February 23 from 12:00-2:00PM.

### **NEW ESU Chief Administrators**

Discussion on negotiations, do you negotiate agreements? Consensus is that yes, they do for certified staff. KSB Webinars discussion whether or not ESUs invoice that back to the schools. Consensus is that the ESUs pay for their schools. Service credit dollars are not offered. State auditor/statute say you need to provide service to the schools. Are SPED contracts interlocal agreement? Consensus is that no they do not do interlocal. Discussion regarding policy of holding employees accountable after the April 15 that you would let them out of their contract before finding a replacement. Most employees are at-will employees so this doesn't pertain to them.

### **Adjournment**

Adjourn meeting at 1:18PM.