

**Regular Meeting**  
**ESU No. 3**  
**6949 South 110th Street**  
**Omaha, NE 68128**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2020 8:30 AM Central**

**Posted Locations:**

Springview Herald  
Valentine Midland News  
Rock County Leader  
Ainsworth News  
ESUCC webpage  
NE Public Meetings

Posted Date: [11/11/20](#)

Greg Barnes (ESU 11):	Present
Paul Calvert (ESU 15):	Present
Corey Dahl (ESU 08):	Present
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02):	Present
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13):	Absent
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17):	Present
Drew Harris (ESU 09):	Present
Dr. Bill Heimann (ESU 01):	Absent
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05):	Absent
Deb Paulman (ESU 16):	Present
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07):	Present
Gregg Robke (ESU 04):	Present
Sarah Salem (ESU 18):	Absent
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03):	Present
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06):	Present
Dr. Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10):	Present
Constance Wickham (ESU 19):	Present

Present: 13, Absent: 4.

Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Present

Present: 14, Absent: 3.

**ESU Coordinating Council Information**

**Call to Order**

Call to order at 8:30 AM.

Staff: Kraig Lofquist, Deb Hericks, Priscilla Quintana, Andrew Easton, Scott Isaacson

**Roll Call**

Quarantined: Brenda McNiff, Deb Paulman attended via Zoom

### **Approval of Minutes**

Review/approval of previous minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented Passed with a motion by Paul Calvert (ESU 15) and a second by Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17).

Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Absent, Dr. Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Absent, Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Absent, Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Absent, Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea, Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea, Corey Dahl (ESU 08): Yea, Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea, Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea, Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea, Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea, Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea, Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea, Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea, Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea, Dr. Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10): Yea, Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea  
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### **ESU Share Out Topics**

Reminder to save the date for the Mental Health Conference on June 2/3, 2021. Discussion on what has been done for retiring ESU Board members. Discussion on training for HR personnel. Dr. Polk will look into some options for HR training. Discussing FFCRA leave and extensions if not extended on Federal Government.

### **Petitions and Communications to the Board**

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

Russ Masco was present to share NDE updates. He is working on the Talking Points to be sent sometime prior to holiday break.

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

Executive Director shared that the AESA Annual Conference will be held virtually. Dr. Lofquist, Dr. Polk, Dr. Schnoes did a presentation for the conference.

### **Learning Community Update**

Not present.

### **Executive Reports**

#### **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director reviewed his marketing goals from this past year. He discussed the SDA possibility of renaming their affiliate. It was decided by the Executive Committee to save this for a later conversation.

### **ESUCC Redesign: Update**

#### **ESU Standards**

The Committee Chair shared that they have begun to meet and work on crosswalk with standards of Cognia with our standards. They have begun work on rubrics. They will create templates throughout this process.

### **Joint Decision-Making Parameters**

Executive Director shared that they have been working on communication with NDE and our own groups. Created a list of concerns on communication for NDE.

### **SIMPL Inventory**

Committee Chair gave an update on the work for SIMPL. A small committee met to work on implementation objects to help districts identify their needs/goals. These objectives have been deployed on the SIMPL website. SIMPL Advisory Committee consists of people who are users of the SIMPL. The Bold Step 3 committee will be the authoritative group. Reviewed some of the new updates on SIMPL site.

### **Value-Add Metric**

Nothing new to report.

### **Value Proposition**

No report given.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Board President gave updates from committee. Discussion of the NSEA Rule 62 petition to NDE. If an executive committee meeting requires board action a special board meeting will be held to bring forth recommendation. President shared details of the Executive Director evaluation.

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

Treasurer reviewed the claims, financials statements, and assets for September.

Approve Claims, Financials Statements, and Assets for Month of September Passed with a motion by Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17) and a second by Constance Wickham (ESU 19).

Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Absent, Dr. Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Absent, Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Absent, Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea, Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea, Corey Dahl (ESU 08): Yea, Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea, Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea, Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea, Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea, Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea, Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea, Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea, Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea, Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea, Dr. Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10): Yea, Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea  
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### **Approval of October Expenses to be paid in November.**

Treasurer reviewed the October expenses to be paid in November.

Recommend motion to approve October expenses to be paid in November Passed with a motion by Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17) and a second by Greg Barnes (ESU 11).

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

Recommend approval of December claims due to no Board meeting.

Recommend approval of December Claims as approved by Executive Director Passed with a motion by Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17) and a second by Dr. Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10).

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**Grant the authority to the ESUCC Executive Director to approve equipment purchases and reimbursement requests related to the Governor's Emergency Educational Relief fund (GEER).**

Discussion to grant the authority to the ESUCC Executive Director to approve equipment purchases and reimbursement requests related to the Governor's Emergency Educational Relief fund (GEER).

Recommend granting the ESUCC Executive Director the authority to purchase equipment and reimburse qualified expenditures related to GEER funding. Said expenditures to be approved by the ESUCC Board at the next regularly scheduled ESUCC Board meeting. Passed with a motion by Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17) and a second by Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03).

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**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Recommendations from Standing Committees and Project Reports**

**Information Services Committee**

Committee Chair gave updates from committee. Discussion regarding the Software Innovation Network Grant and the four areas of work. Canvas discussion regarding trust relationships with schools, ESUs, ESUCC, NDE. Updates were given on the GEERS funding, devices to be ordered soon. Committee also discussed the TLT Special Project for Summer 2021.

**Approve TLT Bylaws**

Committee Chair gave updates of the TLT bylaws.

Recommend approval of TLT By-Laws Passed with a motion by Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02) and a second by Constance Wickham (ESU 19).

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### **Education Resources**

Committee Co-Chair shared discussions in committee. They had reports from NDE on talking points. The committee had a presentation on the TLT Special Project for Summer 2021.

### **Legal Committee**

Committee Chair shared conversations in committee. Reviewed COOP contracts for approval by Board. COOP dates for annual buy and others. COOP Quarter 3 data was also shared. The committee discussed legislative issues and newly elected senators. Discussions regarding the Open Meetings Act and possible legislation along with other entities. Continued discussions on PPE equipment. Continued work the Article 5000's including the Title IX policy.

### **Approve Amendment to Master Licenses with Equal Level**

Committee Chair shared information regarding Equal Level contract for approval

Motion to approve amendment with Equal Level Inc. upon favorable review by ESUCC Attorney Passed with a motion by Paul Calvert (ESU 15) and a second by Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07).

Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Absent, Dr. Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Absent, Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Absent, Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea, Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea, Corey Dahl (ESU 08): Yea, Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea, Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea, Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea, Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea, Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea, Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea, Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea, Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea, Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea, Dr. Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10): Yea, Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea  
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### **Approve Amendment 2 to Agreement with ION Wave Technologies.**

Committee Chair shared information regarding Ion Wave contract for approval.

Motion to approve amendment with ION Wave Technologies. upon a favorable review by ESUCC appointed Attorney Passed with a motion by Greg Barnes (ESU 11) and a second by Corey Dahl (ESU 08).

Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Absent, Dr. Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Absent, Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Absent, Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea, Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea, Corey Dahl (ESU 08): Yea, Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea, Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea, Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea, Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea, Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea, Dr. Larianne Polk

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### **Approve Amendment to Special Buy with CrisisGo**

Committee Chair shared information regarding CrisisGo contract for approval.

Motion to approve amendment with CrisisGo. upon a favorable review by ESUCC appointed Attorney Passed with a motion by Dr. Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10) and a second by Greg Barnes (ESU 11).

Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Absent, Dr. Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Absent, Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Absent, Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea, Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea, Corey Dahl (ESU 08): Yea, Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea, Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea, Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea, Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea, Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea, Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea, Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea, Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea, Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea, Dr. Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10): Yea, Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea  
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### **Approve Special Buy Agreement with Sanitizing Solutions**

Committee Chair shared information regarding Sanitizing Solutions contract for approval.

Motion to approve Special Buy agreement with Sanitizing Solutions upon favorable review by ESUCC appointed attorney Passed with a motion by Constance Wickham (ESU 19) and a second by Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07).

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### **Approve Addendum with Schoology dba PowerSchool Group LLC.**

Committee Chair shared information regarding Schoology dba Powerschool contract for approval.

Approve Addendum to 2015-2018 Special Buy agreement with Schoology Inc, now dba PowerSchool Group LLC upon a favorable review by ESUCC appointed Attorney Passed with a motion by Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03) and a second by Greg Barnes (ESU 11).

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**NEW ESU Chief Administrators**

Discussions on addressing digital equity for students with no connectivity.

**Leadership and Learning**

Executive Director shared the possibility of sharing leadership and learning amongst the administrators.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:23AM.