

Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2021, 8:30 AM
ESU 3 plus Zoom, 6949 South 110th Street, LaVista, NE 68128

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Posted Date: 02/24/21

Call to Order

Call to order at 8:30AM

Staff: Kraig Lofquist, Deb Hericks, Priscila Quintana. Scott Isaacson

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of February minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented Passed with a motion by Constance Wickham (ESU 19) and a second by Paul Calvert (ESU 15).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11):	Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15):	Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13):	Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17):	Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01):	Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05):	Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16):	Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07):	Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04):	Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06):	Yea
Dr Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10):	Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19):	Yea

Yea: 12, Nay: 0

ESU Share Out Topics

ESU 19 shared that OPS is revamping the ESU 19 position to include school improvement, research, etc. Current ESU 19 Administrator will be staying with the technology department at OPS. ESU 19 will be looking nationally to hire a new administrator. ESU 13 Administrator took a new position as Superintendent of Scottsbluff Public Schools. They will hire an interim to

fill the position and hire next year. Discussions on staff working from home on a more permanent basis going forward following the pandemic.

Petitions and Communications to the Board

gWorks - Tyson Larson

Tyson Larson with gWorks was present to share on the redistricting process. He also shared a pricing structure for this process. Board continued to discuss the process of redistricting. Another possible contact is MCS Family of Companies, Susan Myers, 308-635-1926 - <https://mcsfamilyofcompanies.com/>.

State Board of Education and Nebraska Department of Education Report

Russ Masco, NDE was present to share updates from NDE. NDE does not have any plans of purchasing any software application like Discovery Education. NDE has moved to their new location (84th & O, Lincoln), it will take a month to get everything moved and three months to set-up. NDE will be purchasing cell phones for most personnel. March Talking Points have been sent out. NDE Data Conference will most likely be virtual, dates are not set.

Record Retention Management

Austin Rhodes was present to share updates with the record retention management (Schedule 95).

Association of Education Service Agency's Report

Executive Director shared updates for AESA. AESA Summer Conference will be in Richardson, Texas.

Learning Community Update

Learning Community uses MAPA for their redistricting.

Executive Reports

Executive Director Report

Executive Director shared that we have hired Trevor Paschall to work on project management for Canvas and others. GEERS work continues moving forward. NVIS and Digital Learning new site is being redone and will be available in the near future. We will need to promote widely once it is live. The Board discussed some legislative bills that we need to support.

ESUCC Redesign: Update

ESU Standards

Chair shared that we have two ESUs are piloting a rubric and working to find a continuum of performance. A sub-committee of staff developers has been formed to build out the rubric relative to the standards. A final rubric will be available in two years.

Joint Decision-Making Parameters

Chair shared updates from committee. Continue to work on joint decision making with our stakeholders. Discussed the upcoming Rule 84 meeting.

SIMPL Inventory

Chair shared the committee will meet Monday to review the goals for this past year. The committee will meet again on April 14, 2021 to discuss goals for next year. They will then present to the PDO in May.

Value-Add Metric

Chair shared that they are working on the value-add metric.

Value Proposition

Chair shared there is no report.

Executive Committee Report

Approve Claims, Financials Statements, and Assets for Month of January

Treasurer reviewed the claims, financial statements, and assets for the month of January to be approved by Board.

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

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

Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Approval of February Expenses to be paid in March.

Treasurer reviewed February expenses to be paid in March to be approved by Board.

Recommend motion to approve February expenses to be paid in March Passed with a motion by Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17) and a second by Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11):	Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15):	Yea

Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
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Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Approve ESUCC PDO Calendar 2021-2023

President reviewed ESUCC PDO calendar for 2021-2023 to be approved by Board.

Approve ESUCC PDO Calendar 2021-2023 Passed with a motion by Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07) and a second by Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
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Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Approve SIMPL in MSA

President reviewed the Master Service Agreement (MSA) SIMPL that will remain the same for 2021-2022.

Approve SIMPL in MSA to the remain the same as 2020-2021 for 2021-2022 Passed with a motion by Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07) and a second by Constance Wickham (ESU 19).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
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Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Approve Auditor for ESUCC

ESUCC went through the RFP process for a local auditor with two submissions. The committee recommend the firm SEIM Johnson, LLP for the ESUCC auditor for three fiscal years.

Recommend approval of Seim Johnson, LLP as the auditor of record for the ESUCC for three years (Audit FY '20, '21, '22) Passed with a motion by Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07) and a second by Greg Barnes (ESU 11).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
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Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea

Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Approve SEIM Arrangement Letter for FY 20

The president recommends the acceptance of SEIM Johnson, LLP arrangement letter for FY' 20. Recommend Approval of the SEIM Arrangement Letter for audit FY20 Passed with a motion by Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02) and a second by Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Approve Executive Director Salary/Benefits for 2021-2022

President recommends approval of 4.5% raise for the Executive Director for 2021-2022.

Recommend approval of 4.5% total compensation package increase for Executive Director Lofquist for 2021-2022 Passed with a motion by Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07) and a second by Paul Calvert (ESU 15).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea

Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Resignation of Mike Danahy

President recommends accepting the resignation of Mike Danahy with much appreciation for his years of service with ESU and ESUCC.

Recommend accepting the resignation of Mike Danahy Recommend accepting the resignation of Mike Danahy with much appreciation for his years of service with ESU and ESUCC Passed with a motion by Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07) and a second by Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recommendations from Standing Committees and Project Reports

Information Services Committee

The Committee Chair shared discussion in committee. The Innovation Grant will be extended another year. Discussed the GEER funding for devices and broadband initiative. They are working on a speed test with the families across the state.

Approve NOC - Wyebot Renewal

The Committee Chair discussions in committee regarding the payment of Wyebot from NOC training funds.

Recommend approval of the NOC budget request to use training dollars to pay the Wyebot renewal Passed with a motion by Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02) and a second by Gregg Robke (ESU 04).

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

Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Recommend Approval NOC Budget

The Committee Chair shared the NOC budget requests for 2021-2022.

Recommend approval of NOC budget requests for 2021-2022 Passed with a motion by Bill Heimann (ESU 01) and a second by Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06).

Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02):	Nay
Greg Barnes (ESU 11):	Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15):	Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13):	Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17):	Yea
Drew Harris (ESU 09):	Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01):	Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05):	Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16):	Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07):	Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04):	Yea

Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 14, Nay: 1

Recommend Approval of TLT Budget Requests 2021-2022

The Committee Chair shared the TLT budget requests for 2021-2022.

Recommend Approval of TLT Budget Requests 2021-2022 Passed with a motion by Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02) and a second by Constance Wickham (ESU 19).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Education Resources

The Committee Chair shared discussions in committee. There will be a Zearn Math Institute this summer through NDE. SRS reported they are ready to pilot the 504 portions of SRS.

Recommend approval of SDA Budget Requests

The Committee Chair shared the SDA budget requests for 2021-2022.

Motion to approve the SDA budget requests for 2021-2022 Passed with a motion by Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05) and a second by Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea

Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Recommend Approval of ESPD Budget Requests

The Committee Chair shared the ESPD budget requests for 2021-2022.

Motion to approve the ESPD budget requests for 2021-2022 Passed with a motion by Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05) and a second by Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Recommend Approval of PDO Fees

The Committee Chair shared the PDO budget for 2021-2022 for the amount of \$3653.

Motion to approve the PDO budget fee \$3653 for 2021-2022 Passed with a motion by Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05) and a second by Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07).

Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Nay
 Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
 Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
 Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
 Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
 Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
 Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
 Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
 Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
 Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
 Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
 Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
 Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
 Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
 Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
 Yea: 14, Nay: 1

Recommend Approve of SRS Fees

President shared that SRS fees will remain the same for 2021-2022.

Motion to approve the SRS Fees to remain the same for 2021-2022 Passed with a motion by Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05) and a second by Greg Barnes (ESU 11).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11): Yea
 Paul Calvert (ESU 15): Yea
 Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02): Yea
 Dr. Andrew Dick (ESU 13): Yea
 Geraldine Erickson (ESU 17): Yea
 Drew Harris (ESU 09): Yea
 Bill Heimann (ESU 01): Yea
 Dr. Brenda McNiff (ESU 05): Yea
 Deb Paulman (ESU 16): Yea
 Dr. Larianne Polk (ESU 07): Yea
 Gregg Robke (ESU 04): Yea
 Sarah Salem (ESU 18): Yea
 Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03): Yea
 Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06): Yea
 Constance Wickham (ESU 19): Yea
 Yea: 15, Nay: 0

Legal Committee

The Committee Chair shared discussions in committee. Discussed several legislative bills. Continue to watch the Bromm's bill tracker for updates. Coop sales are up for the quarter. Coop had a lengthy discussion on a possible contract with Amazon Business.

Approve Special Buy agreement with World Book Inc.

The Committee Chair shared the contract for World Book, Inc to be approved.

Approve Special Buy agreement with World Book Inc. upon a favorable review by ESUCC appointed Attorney Passed with a motion by Greg Barnes (ESU 11) and a second by Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06).

Greg Barnes (ESU 11):	Yea
Paul Calvert (ESU 15):	Yea
Dr. Ted DeTurk (ESU 02):	Yea
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Gregg Robke (ESU 04):	Yea
Sarah Salem (ESU 18):	Yea
Dr. Dan Schnoes (ESU 03):	Yea
Dr. John Skretta (ESU 06):	Yea
Constance Wickham (ESU 19):	Yea

Yea: 15, Nay: 0

NEW ESU Chief Administrators

Discussed COVID vaccines and will masks still be required? Plan to continue to follow health department guidelines. HR Training will be meeting on March 23 to continue discussions. School Mental Health will be moving to a virtual format and held on June 2-3, 2021. Discussed the Power School Consortium and possibility of bringing it under the ESUCC.

Leadership and Learning

Tabled until we meet face to face.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.