

**Northeast Educational Services Cooperative
Board of Directors Meeting
February 16, 2009**

The Board of Directors for the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative (NESC) met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2009 at Perkins Restaurant, Watertown, SD. The meeting was called to order by President T.Kleinjan at 7:00 P.M. and adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Members present: R.Gresh, Britton-Hecla; J.Guest, Clark; N.Koehlmoos, DeSmet; C.Knutson, Deubrook; P.Witte, Deuel; T.Bauer, Elkton; L.Mennenga, Estelline; S.Morrison, Florence; P.Roe, Hamlin; G.Fish, Henry; M.Pearson, Rosholt; T.Kleinjan, Sioux Valley; C.Berger, Waubay; K.Meland, Webster; W.Knock, Willow Lake; R.Butler, Wilmot.

Absent: J.Jensen, Arlington; B.Little, Castlewood; D.Decoteau, Enemy Swim; L.Larson, Grant-Deuel; J.Fast, Iroquois; B.Nelson, Lake Preston, W.Johnson, Sisseton; C.Quale, Summit; M.Comes, Waverly/South Shore.

Others Attending: Superintendents: D.Johnson, K.Keenaghan, and L.Morrow; NESC Staff Representatives: D.Lauseng, J.Lear, S.Stern; L.Shirley, Educational Specialist; Jerry Aberle, Director; R.Zinter, Assistant Director; L.Olsen, Assistant Business Manager; C.DeWitt, Business Manager.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Agenda

Action #7714 Motion by M.Pearson, second by T.Bauer, to approve the agenda with no changes and/or additions. All present voting yes, motion carried.

Board Proceedings

Action #7715 Motion by W.Knock, second by L.Mennenga, to approve the proceedings of the January 19, 2009 Board of Directors meeting as published. All present voting yes, motion carried.

February 2009 Accounts Payables

Action #7716 Motion by C.Knutson, second R.Gresh, to approve payment of the February 2009 accounts payables as presented. All present voting yes, motion carried.

Financial Report

Action #7717 Motion by K.Meland, second by G.Fish, to approve the financial reports for the period ending 01/31/09. All present voting yes, motion carried.

General Funds: Cash Balance 12/31/08 \$1,118,689.56; Accounts Receivables \$693.69; Revenue: Non Special Education Assessments \$1,396.25, Reading Recovery Assessments \$5,347.50, Special Education Assessments \$271,072.49 Center Base Tuition \$91,771.52, Miscellaneous \$3,959.09, Interest \$1,239.01, State Grants-In-Aid \$1,591.95; Expenditures: (\$320,449.17); Cash Balance 01/31/09 \$1,175,311.89.

Special Revenue Funds: Cash Balance 12/31/08 \$86,717.59; Accounts Receivables \$256.36; Revenue: ESA-1 Professional Development LEAs \$1,200.00, Grants-In-Aid \$1,250.00; Expenditures: (\$52,175.15); Cash Balance 01/31/09 \$37,248.80.

Imprest / Trust & Agency: Cash Balance 12/31/08 \$4,706.30; Receipts \$3,050.14; Expenses: (\$2,206.01); Cash Balance 01/31/09 \$5,550.43.

NESC Advisory Board Meeting February 11, 2009

Informational and discussion items included the following:

- Sisseton School District
- Center Base program locations for 2009/2010 school year
- ESY 2009 Summer Services
- Placement facilities and certified special education teacher requirements
- ESA Update
- Professional development information
- SD Part B Parent Survey
- Board of Directors 2/16/09 agenda

Program Review – Education Specialist

Linda Shirley, Educational Specialist for the State of SD, presented an overview of the technical assistance provided for school districts and the compliance monitoring of special education programs in the state. The services and monitoring are consistent with all federal and state special education administrative rules as they pertain to the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). The State contracts with education agencies to provide fiscal services for these positions. NESC currently has two 120 day contracts with the Department of Education.

Extended School Year – Summer Services 2009

The NESC Extended School Year services will be provided July 6-31, 2009. Exceptions to those dates will be allowed based on student needs. The following provider rates were submitted to the Board of Directors for approval: certified teachers \$22.55 per hour; paraprofessionals \$11.00 per hour; NESC paraprofessionals at their respective 2008/09 school year rates.

Action #7718 Motion by R.Gresh, second by C.Berger to approve the following extended school year rates: certified teachers \$22.55; paraprofessionals \$11.00 per hour; NESC paraprofessionals at their respective 2008/09 school year rates. All present voting yes, motion carried.

Sisseton School District Membership

The Sisseton School District Board of Education has submitted notice, in accordance with the NESC By-Laws, of their intentions to withdraw their membership from NESC effective June 30, 2008.

Action #7719 Motion by J.Guest, second by T.Bauer, to approve the Sisseton School District withdrawing their membership from NESC effective June 30, 2008. All present voting yes, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Contract

Action #7720 Motion by C.Knutson, second by R.Butler, to approve a paraprofessional contract with Misty Furness. Compensation will be \$11.00 per hour. All present voting yes, motion carried.

Executive Session

Action #7721 Motion by M.Pearson, second by R.Butler, to enter executive session at 7:50 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the Unfair Labor Practice, 2009/10 negotiations, and Assistant Director evaluation. All present voting yes, motion carried.

President Kleinjan declared the Board out of executive session at 8:00P.M. and resumed regular session.

Administrative Contract

Action #7722 Motion by C.Knutson, second by L.Mennenga, to offer a contract to Rhonda Zinter, Assistant Director, for the 2009/10 contract year. Salary will be determined at a later date. All present voting yes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Action #7723 There being no further business, motion by W.Knock, second by R.Butler, to adjourn. All present voting yes, motion carried.

The next meeting of the NESC Board of Directors will be Monday, March 16, 2009 at LATI, Watertown, SD. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Thomas Kleinjan, President

Cheryl DeWitt, Business Manager