

Northeast Educational Services Cooperative  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

The Board of Directors for the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative (NESC) met for a special session on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 via Teleconference (none- present), Zoom and at Ramkota Hotel and Event Center in Watertown, SD. The meeting was called to order by President Akin at 7:01 P.M. and adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

**Members present:**

Jolene King, Arlington; Cory Akin, Castlewood; Malory McIntire, Clark; Barb Asleson, De Smet; Carie Knutson, Deubrook; Michelle Prins, Deuel; Arend Schuurman, Elkton; Todd Bjorklund, Estelline; Joe Homola, Hamlin; Paula Blue, Henry; Jerod Olson, Lake Preston; Shane Braaten, Rosholt; Gene Bjorklund, Sioux Valley; Art Berger, Waubay; Penny Thyen, Waverly/South Shore; Denise Lutkemeier, Wilmot

**Absent:**

Gary Brassfield, Britton-Hecla; Lisa Lauterhahn, Enemy Swim Day School; Jon Kahnke, Florence; Greg Bich, Iroquois; Zach Hildebrandt, Oldham/Ramona; Lisa Amdahl, Summit; Martin Looyenga, Webster; Tia Felberg, Willow Lake

**Others Attending:**

NESC Staff Representatives: Brenda Boyd, Melissa Gent, Stephanie Hayunga and Shelly Skogstad  
Member District Superintendents: Mitch Reed, Florence; Todd Obele, Henry; Jim Block, Webster  
NESC Administration: Jerry Aberle, Director; Tiffany Stormo, Business Manager

**Call to Order**

President Akin called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

**Agenda review, changes, and approval**

*Action #21-22* Motion by D. Lutkemeier, second by S. Braaten, to approve the agenda with the change to board meeting room to Whitewood. All present voting in favor, motion carried.

**Introduction of Guests**

Brenda Boyd, Melissa Gent, Stephanie Hayunga, Shelly Skogstad, Mitch Reed, Todd Obele and Jim Block were introduced as guests.

**Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were presented.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were presented.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Introduction of Tom Oster – Dakota Education Consulting**

Director Aberle introduced Tom Oster.

#### **Development of the hiring process for the new Director**

Tom Oster discussed the recommended hiring process for hiring the new Director.

### **Action Items**

#### **Approval of the process for the hiring of the new Director**

*Action #21-23* Motion by D. Lutkemeier, second by J. King to approve full board participation for candidate selection on January 7, 2021 and Steering Committee to conduct interviews on January 13, 2021. King – aye, Akin – aye, McIntire – aye, Asleson – nay, Knutson – aye, Prins – aye, Schuurman – aye, T. Bjorklund – aye, Homola – aye, Blue – aye, Olson - aye, Braaten – aye, G. Bjorklund – aye, Berger – aye, Thyen – aye, Lutkemeier - aye, motion carried.

#### **Approval of interview teams**

*Action #21-24* Motion by P. Thyen, second by J. Homola to approve two interview teams. The first team consisting of the Steering Committee, BOA representatives and Business Manager and the second team consisting of the 5 selected Superintendents and 7 NESC employees. King – aye, Akin – aye, McIntire – aye, Asleson – nay, Knutson – aye, Prins – aye, Schuurman – aye, T. Bjorklund – aye, Homola – aye, Blue – aye, Olson - aye, Braaten – aye, G. Bjorklund – aye, Berger – aye, Thyen – aye, motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

No executive session was held.

### **Adjournment**

*Action #21-25* With there being no further business, motion by A. Schuurman, second by J. Homola, to adjourn. All present voting in favor, motion carried

The next NESC Board of Directors meeting will be held at Ramkota Hotel and Watertown Event Center in Watertown, SD on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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**Cory Akin, President**

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**Tiffany Stormo, Business Manager**