

Information Services Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:30 AM  
ESU 5, ESU 5 900 W. Court Street, Beatrice,  
NE 68130  
6949 South 110th Street  
LaVista, NE 68128

1. Call to Order  
Committee Chair
2. Roll call  
Committee Chair
3. Agenda Item  
Committee Chair
  1. DE2TAILS - Innovation Grant  
Scott Isaacson
  2. Equitable Access and Digital Resources Innovation Grant  
Scott Isaacson
  3. MSA 2020-2021  
Executive Director
    1. NOC Budget Requests for 2020-21  
Executive Director
    2. TLT Budget Requests 2020-2021  
Executive Director
  4. Recommend Approval NDE partnership with OverDrive. This would include the Teaching and Learning Team of about 20 people.  
Rhonda Eis
  5. Edmentum  
Executive Director
  6. Staff Reports  
Committee Chair
    1. Scott Isaacson  
Scott Isaacson
    2. Rhonda Eis  
Rhonda Eis
4. Next Meeting Agenda Items  
Committee Chair
5. Adjournment  
Committee Chair

# Nebraska Open Meetings Act

**84-1407. Act, how cited.** Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

**84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

**84-1409. Terms, defined.** For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, and (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Videoconferencing means conducting a meeting involving participants at two or more locations through the use of audio-video equipment which allows participants at each location to hear and see each meeting participant at each other location, including public input. Interaction between meeting participants shall be possible at all meeting locations.

**84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.**

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as: (a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; (b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; (e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or (f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length. Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes. (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

**84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; videoconferencing or telephone conferencing authorized; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.**

(1) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting by a method designated by each public body and recorded in its minutes. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public. Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (a) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (b) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the

agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2) A meeting of a state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, of an advisory committee of any such state entity, of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, of the governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state, of the governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state, of a board of an educational service unit, of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council, of the governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, or of a community college board of governors may be held by means of videoconferencing or, in the case of the Judicial Resources Commission in those cases specified in section 24-1204, by telephone conference, if: (a) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given; (b) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including seating, recordation by audio or visual recording devices, and a reasonable opportunity for input such as public comment or questions to at least the same extent as would be provided if videoconferencing or telephone conferencing was not used; (c) At least one copy of all documents being considered is available to the public at each site of the videoconference or telephone conference; (d) At least one member of the state entity, advisory committee, board, council, or governing body is present at each site of the videoconference or telephone conference, except that a member of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis, an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, or a governing body of a risk management pool or an advisory committee of such organization or pool may designate a nonvoting designee, who shall not be included as part of the quorum, to be present at any site; and (e)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(e)(ii) of this section, no more than one-half of the state entity's, advisory committee's, board's, council's, or governing body's meetings in a calendar year are held by videoconference or telephone conference; or (ii) In the case of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by videoconferencing or telephone conferencing. Videoconferencing, telephone conferencing, or conferencing by other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(3) A meeting of a board of an educational service unit, of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council, of the governing body of an entity formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, of the governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, of a community college board of governors, of the governing body of a public power district, of the governing body of a public power and irrigation district, or of the Nebraska Brand Committee may be held by telephone conference call if: (a) The territory represented by the educational service unit, member educational service units, community college board of governors, public power district, public power and irrigation district, Nebraska Brand Committee, or member public agencies of the entity or pool covers more than one county; (b) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given which identifies each telephone conference location at which there will be present: (i) A member of the educational service unit board, council, community college board of governors, governing body of a public power district, governing body of a public power and irrigation district, Nebraska Brand Committee, or entity's or pool's governing body; or (ii) A nonvoting designee designated under subdivision (3)(f) of this section; (c) All telephone conference meeting sites identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the educational service unit board, council, community college board of governors, governing body of the public power district, governing body of the public power and irrigation district, or entity or pool or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience; (d) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including seating, recordation by audio recording devices, and a reasonable opportunity for input such as public comment or questions to at least the same extent as would be provided if a telephone conference call was not used; (e) At least one copy of all documents being considered is available to the public at each site of the telephone conference call; (f) At least one member of the educational service unit board, council, community college board of governors, governing body of the public power district, governing body of the public power and irrigation district, Nebraska Brand Committee, or governing body of the entity or pool is present at each site of the telephone conference call identified in the public notice, except that a member of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis, an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, or a governing body of a risk management pool or an advisory committee of such organization or pool may designate a nonvoting designee, who shall not be included as part of the quorum, to be present at any site; (g) The telephone conference call lasts no more than five hours; and (h) No more than one-half of the board's, council's, governing body's, entity's, or pool's meetings in a calendar year are held by telephone conference call, except that: (i) The governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by telephone conference call if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by telephone conference call or videoconferencing; and (ii) An organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act may hold more than one-half of its meetings by telephone conference call if the organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by videoconferencing or telephone conference call. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the participation of consultants, members of the press, and other nonmembers of the governing body at sites not identified Daily Documentation 1st Quarter in the public notice. Telephone conference calls, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by means of electronic or telecommunication equipment. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness other than a member of the public body to appear before the public body by means of video or telecommunications equipment.

**84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers**

**and duties.**

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body may require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if: (a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction; (b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience; (c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making a telephone conference call available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance; (d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state; (e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; (f) Reasonable arrangements are made to provide viewing at other in-state locations for a videoconference meeting if requested fourteen days in advance and if economically and reasonably available in the area; and (g) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) The public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at the meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for a telephone conference call or videoconference, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

**84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when.**

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, and available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Minutes of the meetings of the board of a school district or educational service unit may be kept as an electronic record.

**84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.**

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

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# Software Innovation Network

## Project Charter

February 3, 2020

## Purpose

Building on the work of *Data Ecosystem Innovation Grant project*, the creation of the Software Innovation Network focuses on cooperative software development, evaluation and licensing to address currently unmet needs. The *Education Innovation Network* will review, revise and improve current practices to provide high-quality software and features to students, educators and administrators:

- by being highly attentive to meeting Nebraska-specific needs and use cases
- at a low, sustainable cost
- with equitable statewide access
- while raising the level of data privacy and security protections

## Sponsor

Nebraska Innovation Grant Program funded by Nebraska Innovation Education Fund operated through the Nebraska Department of Education, Dean Folkers, Information Systems Officer

## Scope

This Education Innovation Network will include school districts and educational service units working together and with the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) **to develop and maintain a portfolio of innovative digital tools and resources**. Through surveys and follow-up interviews, **common areas of need will be identified**, clearly defined **and prioritized**. The highest-priority needs will be selected for focus, and project teams will be assembled to advance toward meeting those needs.

## Desired Goals and Outcomes

- **Review** appropriate and available **data** to determine priority software needs in Nebraska.
- **Create a process** for prioritizing, evaluating options, testing, deployment, ongoing evaluation and ultimate sustainability / decommissioning for state-wide enterprise-level software solutions.

- **Develop a governance structure** to support the process and ensure strategic investment in innovative projects.
- **Use the process** to select and implement two or more projects.
- **Evaluate and revise** the process based on the experience of the project implementations.

## Authority

The Software Innovation Network, also known as the Equitable Access and Digital Resources Innovation Network is chartered by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE). Representatives serve on behalf of their organizations and communities of practice to provide input to the Network leadership and stakeholders to shape the way our education system specifies, evaluates, acquires and uses software and related resources to improve teaching and learning.

## Membership

The Network's leadership and project teams will broadly represent the K-12 education community in Nebraska. For purposes of this Network, a leadership team will assist in advising the work of the Network. In addition, district and ESU's may submit an application to participate in the work of the Network.

Leadership Team: The ESUCC Technology Director will serve as the chair and Network Manager. Members of the leadership team will be representative of the education system and provide opportunities for coordination and strategic priorities. Members selected of the leadership team represent nominated, recommended, or volunteers to reflect the diverse needs desired to support the system.

Leadership team membership will include the following representative groups including Educational Service Units (ESUs) and school districts:

- Technology director
- Technology integration
- Professional Learning
- Administration
- Digital Learning / Learning Engineer
- Special Education
- NDE
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Instructional materials
- Network Nebraska
- Network director - ESUCC Technology Director
- NDE Information Services Officer

## Meetings and Timeframe

The ESUCC Technology Director (Network director) or designee will chair each leadership team meeting and attend project team meetings. Project teams will be formed by the leadership team to manage and track project work.

Leadership team meetings will be at minimum bi-monthly and more frequent as the Network is formed and starts its work, scheduled by the Network director and leadership team members. The meeting agenda will be determined by the Network director with input from leadership members. Meetings may be face-to-face or via video conferencing.

At the end of each fiscal year in June or more frequently as needed, the Network director and leadership team will evaluate the effectiveness of the Network and make recommendations to the NDE Information Services Officer for future approaches.

Duration: The initial resources of the Education Innovation Fund provide resources for the Education Innovation Network through June 30, 2021.

## 2019-2020 Charter Membership Appointments

- Technology director - Bill Pulte, ESU 3
- Technology integration - Craig Hicks, ESU 13
- Professional Learning
- Administration
- Digital Learning / Learning Engineer
- Special Education
- NDE
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Instructional materials
- Network Nebraska
- Network director - Scott Isaacson, ESUCC Technology Director
- NDE Information Services Officer - Dean Folkers



## PDO Training Form

Contact Person/Affiliate Chair: Jamen Hall  
Affiliate: NOC  
Email: jamen.hall@esu6.org  
Phone: 402-761-7001

Contractor/Company: None selected yet  
Presenter:  
Email:  
Phone:  
Address:                   City, State, Zip:  
Point of Contact:

Workshop Title: None selected yet  
Date of Workshop: No date selected yet  
Projected cost of workshop (include presenter fees, materials, expenses, etc):

Budget request for 2020-21  
\$21,000 for NOC training  
\$9,000 for online instructional materials  
\$30,000 total

**How does workshop align with ESU CC Goals and ESUCC/NDE priority areas?**

**Office Use:**

Contract sent:  
W-9/W4NA:

Date Received:  
Date Received:

# ESUCC Information Services Update

Scott Isaacson  
February, 2020

## DE<sup>2</sup>TAILS

Xin Wang from RMC is completing the final report and evaluation of the grant projects and this will be available in March. The final reimbursement request has been submitted to NDE.

## Software Innovation Network

The [charter](#) for the network was finalized the week of February 3, 2020 and the emphasis will switch to recruiting leadership team members and convening the team to begin work. From the charter, the goals and outcomes are:

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# Nebraska Cloud

## SSO Usage and Update

School day usage of the SSO framework is up from 1174 sessions per day at the end of the 2018-2019 school year to 1589 sessions per day with the latest data ending January 31, 2020. Applications with the most usage are the NebraskaCloud app launch portal, Houghton Mifflin, Adobe Creative Cloud and TestWiz.

Our next enhancements to this framework will be to add additional ways of connection with applications and users such as Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI) and Clever integrations. We also plan to bring the new app launch portal out of testing and make it live for everyone in April.

## SRS

The team continues to address fixes and improvements to the system, especially in the areas of ADVISER reporting, bugs in completing forms, and improving helpdesk response times. The team has released 13 fixes into the live system since our last board meeting. Helpdesk tickets are down, with 141 currently open. January 31, 2020 was the first in a pattern of short monthly check-in calls with the advisory team between their quarterly full-length meetings. A few key user representatives are beginning to meet this week to plan for adding 504 plan support to the SRS application. Another key enhancement coming will be an administrative dashboard or checklist to help administrative users see a concise list of problems such as errors reporting students to ADVISER, expired forms, or incomplete data.

## Marketing

I have increased the number of presentation proposals to NETA, NDLA, Data conference to help get the word out about our work.



**PROJECT NAME:** BlendEd Projects – Instructional Materials

**PROJECT DIRECTOR:** Rhonda Eis

**REPORT PERIOD:** February 2020

### **OverDrive – ESUCC Professional Library**

- Site officially live in January
- Resources available to all ESUs except for ESUs 6, 9, and 11. These ESUs can opt in anytime for a \$1,000 contribution to the library funds.
- NDE’s Teaching and Learning Team has requested to join the project and contribute funds to help build the library pending approval by council.
- Collection
  - 187 titles – 138 ebooks and 49 audiobooks
  - Additional book requests can be made by filling out the [Book Request Form](#)

### **Learn360**

- Preliminary pricing is available for ESUs that indicated renewal
- February 11 - Meeting with the representative to discuss pricing and option to move the purchase of the subscription into the Marketplace
  - Coop pricing would be available for 2020-21 for those districts whose ESU isn’t participating in the statewide buy

### **Open Education Resources (OER) Project**

Nebraska OER Hub: <https://www.oercommons.org/hubs/nebraska>

- Service Agreement renewed in January 2020
  - Tier 2 services and SAML support for \$3,000
  - Hub Stats – increased to 905 members - 18 Nebraska collections - 19 Work Groups

### **TLT Affiliate -Upcoming Trainings**

- February 12 & 13
  - UNL Innovation Studio - Train the Trainer. Maker activities: 3D printing, Laser Cutter, and Carvy
  - Industry Tours - Spreetail, Johnny Carson Center for Emerging Media Arts, Don't Panic Labs and Hudl - Business will showcase the technology used and the desired skills for employees.
- July 23 & 24
  - Blended Learning & Coaching with Catlin Tucker – 2 days in Kearney