

ESUCC
Information Services Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 8:00 AM
ESU No.10, 76 Plaza Blvd, Kearney, NE 68845

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Posted Date: 4/26/23

Attendance Taken at 8:02 AM.

Bill Heimann (ESU 01):	Present
Ted DeTurk (ESU 02):	Present
Gregg Robke (ESU 04):	Absent
Dr John Skretta (ESU 06):	Present
Corey Dahl (ESU 08):	Present
Dr Melissa Wheelock (ESU 10):	Present
Paul Calvert (ESU 15):	Present
Deb Paulman (ESU 16):	Present

1. Call to Order

2. Roll call

3. Agenda Item

3.1. GEER Fund Update

3.2. Future Ready Digital Learning Collaborative (FRDLC)

3.3. Cybersecurity

3.4. SIMPL Report

3.5. Staff Reports

3.5.1. Scott Isaacson

3.5.2. Andrew Easton

3.5.3. Rhonda Eis

4. Next Meeting Agenda Items

5. Adjournment

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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, (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, and (iii) the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission;

(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) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

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; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual conferencing authorized; requirements; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

(1)(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public. (b) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website. (ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published by: (A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website; or (B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city or village. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting. (iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public

body.(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee. (d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes. (e) 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 (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) 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) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section are met: (i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity; (ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act; (iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (v) An educational service unit; (vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council; (vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; (viii) A community college board of governors; (ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee; (x) A local public health department; (xi) A metropolitan utilities district; (xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and (xiii) A natural resources district. (b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows: (i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference; (ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used; (iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and (iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. 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, the organization may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing. 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 virtual conferencing if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by virtual conferencing.

(3) Virtual conferencing, 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 virtual conferencing. 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 to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body. (b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings. (c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section 84-1413. (8) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (2)(a) of this section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if: (a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body; (b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and (c) The public body complies with subdivisions (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) of this section.

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, a 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, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. 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 shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(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 virtual conferencing 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; and (f) 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) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, 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, either in paper or electronic form. 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; agenda and minutes; required on website; 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 or kept as an electronic record and shall be 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 or keeping the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public website the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the website at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public website for at least six months.

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.

84-1415. Open Meetings Act; requirements; waiver; validity of action. No motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting as defined in section 84-1409 of a public body as defined in such section shall be invalidated because such motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action was made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting or meetings on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before April 30, 2021, pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order which waived certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

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Scott Isaacson Staff Report

May, 2023

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER)

About \$1.6 million of GEER II funding is available for additional robotics item purchases. ESUCC, NDE and the Governor's office agreed verbally on a scope of work, which was drafted into a contract. That contract has been signed and the purchasing process will open in May, 2023. The process will be to contact schools and ESUs who have unmet requests from the previous purchases in September, 2022, to confirm whether those items are still needed or the requests need to be adjusted. In addition, we have consulted with Nebraska VR/NDE and will be working with schools to determine needs for additional accessibility items to make the robotics items more accessible to students with special needs. After the requests are finalized, the orders for additional items will be placed in June, 2023 for fall delivery.

Future Ready Digital Learning Collaborative (FRDLC)

ESUs are continuing to implement **Proofpoint** Security Awareness Training with their schools. A review of data from the platform shows that 119 schools and ESUs with 14,145 users are registered as of May 1, 2023.

Signup for **Duo Security** licensing opened March 1, 2023 via a Google sign up form and remains open because as of May 1, 2023, 1,380 licenses are 1,384 licenses are still available to receive the full subsidy. The pricing for those who have signed up so far is \$2 per user per year from March 30, 2023 - March 29, 2024; \$5 per user from March 30, 2024 - March 29, 2025; \$8 per user from March 30, 2025 - March 29, 2026; and estimated at \$11 per user from March 30, 2026 - March 29, 2027.

We have submitted a proposal to continue the Software Innovation Network and Dorann Avey submitted a proposal for other Future Ready-related work, including support for the Canvas consortium. The current round of Innovation funds is July, 2022 through June, 2025, though proposed legislation on the use of lottery funds may change the time window and availability of the funds.

Cyber Security

The Nebraska Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) state committee opened applications for sub-grants on March 1, 2023 and accepted them through April 30, 2023. The IIJA state committee will meet May 11, 2023 and will begin the process of scoring the proposals

received. After that meeting we will have a better idea of the timeline for awards being made. The ESUCC on behalf of NOC submitted a proposal for \$205,000 for a three-year project which will host the CSET security assessment tool and provide assistance to schools using the tool to conduct assessments, and additional support for Proofpoint implementation. If the project is funded, this additional assistance will be made available to all schools and ESUs in Nebraska.

We are tracking the progress of LB638 (proposed by ESUCC), LB651 and LB635. It doesn't appear that those measures will be enacted in this session, but may lead to study of the issues.



Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning, Distance Learning, and Communication

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Andrew Easton

REPORT PERIOD: April 2023

COMMITTEE REPORT: DIGITAL LEARNING COORDINATOR

Digital Learning Efforts (Across TLT, SDA, and more)

- **The Social Studies Inquiry Project**
 - [ESUCC Page for Social Studies Inquiry Work](#)
 - We have our educator numbers and locations finalized for the 2023 project.
 - Host Sites: ESU 8, ESU 10, ESU 13, History Nebraska
 - **Rhonda Eis** has led the effort to house documents related to this initiative and she also created [this template for inquiry projects](#) to make loading it into the OER easier and less time consuming.
 - Currently working on arranging lodging, meals, mileage forms, etc. Big thanks to **Deb Hericks** for her help and guidance with these details!

- **The #SocialPD Stories** team has continued to create, revise, and re-promote content from past stories and share them via our social media platforms.
 - **NEW Content from April:** [Inclusion: A Diverse and Welcoming Environment for All](#) from Eileen Barks of ESU 2
 - **NEW Content from April:** [ChatGPT in Education](#) from Lynne Herr of ESU 6

- **The ESUCC Nebraska PowerSchool Cooperative**
 - Collaborated with **Becky Sosalla** on the development of our [End-of-the-Year Nebraska PowerSchool consortium social media post](#).

- **The 2023 Digital Citizenship Symposium** concluded for the '22-'23 school year on March 24th.
 - All resources are still available at bit.ly/NEDigCit
 - Impact Totals:
 - 201 Certificates awarded K-12
 - 132 Contest entries K-12
 - [One contest winner example](#)

- **The Blended Learning Workgroup** took several strides in living out their new purpose statements:
 - o A recap of the '22-'23 blended learning workgroup goals and outcomes...

Blended Learning Workgroup '22-'23

Our Group's Goals

- Goal 1:** Collaborate and communicate to align initiatives and learning between the PDO affiliates.
- Goal 2:** Identify projects that group members can support with agreed-upon goals.
- Goal 3:** Support teachers in best practices of lesson design with a focus on content, pedagogy, and technology.
- Goal 4:** Extend the professional learning and network reach of group members.

Our '22-'23 Actionable Outcomes Taken

- (A) The Social Studies Inquiry Project (a TLT and Social Studies Cadre collaboration) received support and funding to extend that project for the next two summers, 2023 and 2024.
- (B) TLT members were invited to relevant SDA Connect sessions.
- (C) Blended Learning leadership met with the SDA strategists in the fall to discuss the group's goals and to look for opportunities for shared work.
- (D) Professional learning opportunities continue to be open to all colleagues regardless of their affiliate group.
- (E) A Digital Learning update has become a part of the SDA affiliate meeting.
- (F) SDA members, MTSS coordinators, and other education leaders from our state have joined members of the blended learning workgroup for our monthly live shows.
- (G) Blended learning members along with SDA colleagues and Pitsco representatives collaborated on the development of webinar content that supports the GEER-funded robotics purchase.

(A) We can again point to the SS inquiry project and the robotics support site as initiatives that reach teachers directly.

(B) The What's N.E.X.T. with Blended Learning live show has shared our conversations with a broader audience and extended our own professional learning as a part of what has traditionally been our blended learning meeting time.

WHAT'S N.E.X.T. WITH BLENDED LEARNING esu

- o Blended Learning workgroup has started discussing how to further their efforts and impact in the '23-'24 school year. The focus is likely to include...
 - Revising our [Blended Learning Rubric](#)
 - Looking for opportunities to come alongside efforts to integrate UDL practices into HQIMs and/or Tier 1 MTSS supports (see most recent [What's N.E.X.T. live show](#)).
- o [This month's What's N.E.X.T. with Blended Learning live show](#) illustrated the connections between UDL and HQIMs while also pointing to the CBPL effort as essential work in support of these efforts.
 - Special thanks to Deb Paulman and Lane Swedberg of ESU 16 and NDE's Dorann Avey for being guests on the show!

- **The ESUCC GEER-Funded Robotics Purchase**

- o PITSCO will be on-site at the May TLT meeting with all the robotics purchases from [the ESUCC catalog](#)
- o PITSCO will also deliver a breakout session during May PDO.

- o **Award winning collaboration**

Distance Learning, NVIS, and VFT

- Progress on the NVIS update continues through Scott Isaacson and our programming team.

Collaborations

- Took part in conversations regarding professional learning for the TLT affiliate in the 2023-2024 school year. We will be learning from educator John Meeham about engagement strategies and resources available through their site, [EMC2 Learning](#).
- Continued conversations and planning for the **Future Ready Nebraska 2023 Conference**.
 - Conference Dates: **June 12 and 13, 2023 at Lincoln SWHS**
 - **Registration is FREE:** <https://nefutureready.com/>
 - Sessions are set and being loaded to the site.
- Continued to be a part of the Curriculum Based Professional Learning (CBPL) AdHoc Advisory Group
- Continued to be a part of the **Bold Steps: Influence** Committee
- Will begin attending **Bold Steps: Invest** Committee Meetings

Professional Development

- Attended ESU 3's iTUG meeting
- Took part in weeks 1 & 2 of Matt Miller's *AI for Educators Online Course*

Professional Development Presentations

- None

ESUCC Podcast and Social Media

- Created and posted this month's edition of **The ESU Review**
- Created 5 new episodes of [The Good Life EDU](#) podcast
 - Shows:
 - **Episode 128: ???**
 - **Episode 127:** [The Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium](#) with Dr. Martha Bruckner
 - **Episode 126:** [Navigating the Present and Preparing for the Future of AI in Education](#) with Matt Miller
 - **Episode 125:** [The Journey to Inclusion: Equity for All Learners at Every Level](#) with Dr. Amy Rhone
 - **Episode 124:** [A Conversation on Nebraska's New Data Literacy Standards for Mathematics](#) with Shelby Aaberg, Heidi Rethmeier, and Trever Reeh
 - **Podcast Data**
 - Nearly 30,000 total downloads since the show began in 2020
 - 1,000+ Downloads in April.
 - Listener retention across all episodes in April was 91%
- Invested in Twitter promotional efforts.
 - Twitter Followers
 - April **####s**
 - March 1443 (+16) Reach: 17.6K

- April 512 (+6)
- March 506 (+3)
- February 503 (+10)
- January 493 (+4)
- 2022**
- December: 489 (+36)
- November: 453 (+43)
- October: 410 (+15)
- September: 395 (+4)
- August: 391 (+13)
- July: 378 (+18)
- June: 360 (+3)
- May: 357 (+8)
- April: 349 (+33)
- March: 316 (+52)
- February: 264 (+30)
- January: 234 (+40)
- 2021**
- December: 194 (+7)



Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning - Instructional Materials
PROJECT COORDINATOR: Rhonda Eis
REPORT PERIOD: May 2023

Quick Links



- [Nebraska OER | OER Commons](#)
- [ESU PD Library](#)

ESU PD Library

Collection Detail

- Ebooks - 263
- Audiobooks - 100
- Account balance - \$4,982
- Request for new books - [Form Link](#)

Usage Report - May 2022- April 2023

63	239	35
Total unique users	Total checkouts	Total holds
 Ebook	119	10
 Audiobook	120	25

Compared to last year's statistics, we are had a about a 15% increase in users and total check outs.

Top Titles for 2022-22

- Hope Rising
- Atomic Habits
- Cybersecurity Program Development
- Dare to Lead
- Reality Based Leadership
- Inclusive Learning 365
- UDL and Blended Learning

OER

Gearing up for OER creation and curation with upcoming summer work.

- NDE will be working with CTE teachers in June.
- Social Studies Inquiry Project will continue with new resources being uploaded this summer.

ESUCC Website

- New posts to highlight
 - [ESUCC Receives Awards at the AEPA Spring Meeting 2023](#)
 - [Nebraska Digital Citizenship Symposium and Contest 2023](#)
 - [ESUCC Cooperative Purchasing Interlocal Agreements](#)

TLT Leadership 2022-23

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- Co-Recorder - Jason Everett, ESU 10
- Co-Representative - Otis Pierce, ESU 8
- Co-Representative - Lynne Herr, ESU 6
- ESU Coordinating Council – Andrew Easton
- ESU Coordinating Council - Rhonda Eis
- Nebraska Department of Education - Dorann Avey