

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
Ainsworth, NE 69210
April 12, 2011

Present: Elwin Walkling, Jody Dexter, Renee Adkisson, Chet Wilkins, Sue Weston, Rich Lackaff, Dennis Radford and Jan Foster.

Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez

President Sue Weston called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Announcement of the open meetings act posting was given.

1. A motion was made by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Rich Lackaff to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
2. Rich Lackaff made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jody Dexter. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
3. The financial report ending March 31, 2011 was presented with a balance of \$2,464,530.54. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Chet Wilkins to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
4. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$269,653.94 was presented. Chet Wilkins made the motion to approve payment of the claims. Elwin Walkling seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
5. The staff negotiations team presented a written proposal for the 2011-12 school year. The board accepted point 1, the additional compensation schedule of \$17,056.00 for those individuals taking family BCBS. After a counter-offer on point 2, the board agreed to increase the base salary to \$28,500.00. The board accepted point 3, which is to offer Plan C of vision insurance through VSP, to be paid for by the employee. The board did not accept point 4, establishing a retirement incentive program.
6. The minutes from the March 17th Advisory Council meeting were presented. Mary Gurney is in the process of writing a RUS grant for our ESU 17 member schools for distance learning equipment. Part of the grant would be to purchase a bridge for the DL system that would enable us to connect up to 24 sites.
7. Mr. Radford distributed several informational items including the minutes of the March 2, 2011 NESUBA meeting, legislative updates, TEEOSO student formula model and the NDE state aid proposed calculation for 2011-12.

8. The February 2011 media report from Germaine Johnson was presented.
9. Staffing needs for the 2011-12 year were discussed. Dr. Lenhard has expressed the need for a full-time resource teacher at Keya Paha County Schools.
10. The Speech Pathologist Agreement with Christina Buckles was reviewed. The wording "2012-2013 school year" in paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 will be amended to read "2013-2014 school year". A motion was made by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Renee Adkisson to approve the contract as amended. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
11. Rich Lackaff made a motion to approve a contract with Dana Whited as a .4 FTE resource teacher for the 2011-12 school year. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
12. The ESU 17 2011-12 calendar was presented. Jody Dexter made the motion with a second from Chet Wilkins to approve the calendar. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
13. Renee Adkisson made a motion to approve Dennis Radford as the primary proxy agent for the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund. Elwin Walkling seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
14. Rich Lackaff made a motion to accept the negotiations package as recommended by Renee and Jody. Chet Wilkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.
15. A motion was made by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Chet Wilkins to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney and Helen Lopez.

Secretary