

Valentine, NE 69201  
December 8, 2009

Present: Helen Lopez, Sue Weston, Jean Pinney, Jody Dexter and Elwin Walkling. Also present were Rod Palmer, Dennis Radford and Jan Foster.

Absent: Chet Wilkins, Rich Lackaff and Renee Adkisson.

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

1. A motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting was made by Jean Pinney with a second from Elwin Walkling. Roll call vote was unanimous.
2. The November 30, 2009 financial report was presented with a balance of \$1,673,781.69. Motion by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Helen Lopez to approve the financial report. Roll call vote was unanimous.
3. A listing of bills and claims totaling \$562,602.94 was presented for approval. A motion was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Jean Pinney to approve as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. Mr. Radford and Rod Palmer informed the board that the court case for the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident at our building has been settled without going to a jury trial.
5. Section 4 of the new board policies pertaining to personnel was distributed.
6. Dennis gave a brief building update. The installation of the carpet is complete. There is a small amount of staining and varnishing yet to be done. The new projector should be mounted next week.
7. The Agreement to Earn a Master's Degree to be used in the arrangement with Christina Buckles was discussed. Mr. Radford suggested reimbursing for graduate courses only and possibly a percentage of the books.
8. The October 2009 Media report, prepared by Germaine Johnson, was presented.
9. ESU Election Certification forms have been received from the State Election Office and will need to be completed and returned to the Secretary of State's Office by July 1, 2010. This will affect ESU 17 board members in Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7.
10. The 2009-2010 ESU Comparative Data report was distributed and discussed.

11. NESUBA minutes from the November 18, 2009 meeting were presented. Dennis noted the low representation of ESU board members at this meeting.
12. Mary Gurney, Technology Coordinator, has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2010. Advertising will begin in January for this position. Dennis informed the board that the superintendents from area schools have indicated a possible need for more technology services in the future.
13. A motion to approve Section 3 of the board policies on final reading was made by Helen Lopez. Elwin Walkling seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
14. The Code of Ethics for ESU 17 Board Members was signed by all members that were present.
15. A motion was made by Jean Pinney and seconded by Helen Lopez to retain the officers that are currently serving for 2010. Roll call vote was unanimous. Officers are Sue Weston, President, Renee Adkisson, Vice President and Elwin Walkling, Secretary.
16. Members were asked to volunteer to serve on either the negotiations or the facilities committee. Selection process will be finalized at the next meeting.
17. Current interest rates for certificates of deposit compared to the NPAIT interest rate were discussed. A motion was made by Jean Pinney and seconded by Elwin Walkling to purchase an additional \$500,000.00 in CDs for terms of less than 1 year at the best interest rates available. Roll call vote was unanimous.
18. Elwin Walkling made the motion to set the next meeting date for February 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Ainsworth. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
19. A motion to allow the bills to be paid in the absence of a January meeting was made by Helen Lopez and seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous.
20. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. was made by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Helen Lopez. Roll call vote was unanimous.

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Secretary