

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
Ainsworth, NE 69210
March 8, 2011

Present: Elwin Walkling, Renee Adkisson, Sue Weston, Chet Wilkins, Rich Lackaff and Jean Pinney. Jody Dexter joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m. Also present were Dennis Radford and Jan Foster.

Absent: Helen Lopez

President Sue Weston called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Announcement of the open meetings act posting was given.

1. Renee Adkisson made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Helen Lopez and Jody Dexter.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2011 meeting was made by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Chet Wilkins. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Helen Lopez and Jody Dexter.
3. The February 28, 2011 financial statement was presented with a balance of \$2,400,990.32. Elwin Walkling made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Helen Lopez and Jody Dexter.
4. The listing of bills and claims was presented in the amount of \$247,535.69. Chet Wilkins made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve payment of the bills. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Helen Lopez
5. The 2009-2010 audit was discussed.
6. There were no new legislative bills to report on at this time.
7. Informational items presented were an Executive Director Report by Matt Blomstedt and a summary of the Laws Creating and Describing the ESUCC. The ESUCC is experiencing their second State Audit in as many years. Dennis expressed how demanding and time consuming this process is. The ESUCC is interested in re-locating Kip Schneider's office to a southeastern area of Nebraska. In Kip's efforts to help the Coop Purchasing program grow, there is increasing demand for him to meet at the corporate offices of existing and potential vendors. There is also the possibility with this change that Kip can help the Omaha and Lincoln schools grow in their use of Coop Purchasing. Dennis stated there are no plans to move Coop Purchasing from Ainsworth.

8. Dennis reported there may be a need to hire a part-time resource teacher for the 2011-12 school year.
9. BlueCrossBlueShield of Nebraska has announced the renewal rates effective September 1, 2011 will remain the same as the prior year. Also, the increase for 2012-13 will not exceed 4%.
10. The Nebraska retirement contribution rates have not yet been determined but an increase is expected for the 2012 plan year.
11. Dennis will get base salary information from our member school districts for Renee and Jody prior to the next meeting.
12. Renee Adkisson made a motion to recognize the ESU 17 Negotiations Committee of Germaine Johnson, Nicole Buchanan and Patty Pier as the official bargaining unit for ESU 17 staff. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Helen Lopez.
13. A motion was made to approve the 2009-2010 audit by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Helen Lopez.
14. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2011 at the Technology Center at 10:00 a.m. The negotiations committee will meet at 9:00 a.m.
15. Elwin Walkling made the motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Helen Lopez

Secretary