

Ainsworth, NE 69210  
October 13, 2009

Present: Jody Dexter, Chet Wilkins, Rich Lackaff, Renee Adkisson, Sue Weston, Jean Pinney, Helen Lopez and Elwin Walkling. Also present were Dennis Radford, Rod Palmer, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Sue Weston. Announcement of the open meetings act posting was given.

1. Renee Adkisson made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009 budget hearing. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
2. The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved on a motion by Jody Dexter with a second from Chet Wilkins. Roll call vote was unanimous.
3. The financial report for the month ending September 30, 2009 was presented with a balance of \$1,455,478.62. A motion was made by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Helen Lopez to approve the financial report. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. A listing of bills and claims totaling \$229,756.50 were presented for approval. Rich Lackaff made the motion to approve with a second from Helen Lopez. Roll call vote was unanimous.
5. Section 3 of the new board policies covering Services and Operations were distributed.
6. The 2008-2009 Annual Report for Educational Service Unit 17 was presented and discussed.
7. The Fall NESUBA agenda for the November 18, 2009 meeting was distributed. Mr. Radford invited members of the ESU 17 board to attend the meeting with no interest being shown.
8. Dennis gave an update on the progress of the building remodeling projects. The two new windows have been installed and the lights have been taken down at the main street office. The wiring and sheetrock work is complete on the new wall at the Tech Center.
9. A thank you from Dr. Breed, NDE Commissioner, was read aloud. Dr. Breed attended the Advisory Council meeting in Ainsworth and visited the Valentine and Wood Lake schools on September 22, 2009.

10. Mr. Radford attended an informational meeting with area Superintendents and Senators Fischer and Adams at the Ainsworth Community School. State Aid for the future was a topic of discussion.
11. A summary of the Teacher Shortage Taskforce was presented. The survey of the NCSA membership shows a lower number and quality of applicants for teaching positions, especially in the special education areas. Most districts are anticipating a great number of retirements during the next five years.
12. Renee Adkisson made a motion to approve Section 2 of the board policies on final reading. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
13. Interest rates for certificates of deposits from several institutions were presented. A motion to purchase certificates of deposits up to \$600,000.00 for approximately a one year period where the best rate is offered, giving preference to a local institution if possible, was made by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Rich Lackaff. Roll call vote was unanimous.
14. Discussion was held on a possible arrangement with an individual interested in pursuing a Speech Pathology degree for future employment with ESU 17. Mr. Radford will do further research to help establish guidelines and requirements. No action was taken by the board at this time.
15. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
16. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a. m. was made by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Jody Dexter. Roll call vote was unanimous.

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Secretary