

Ainsworth, NE
April 30, 2009

Present: Elwin Walkling, Renee Adkisson, Sue Weston, Jody Dexter, Rich Lackaff, Jean Pinney.
Also present were Dennis Radford, Rod Palmer, Cathie Belville and Jan Foster.

Absent: Chet Wilkins and Helen Lopez

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Weston at 10:05 a.m. Announcement of the open meetings act posting was given.

1. The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved on a motion by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous.
2. The financial report for the month ending March 31, 2009 was presented with a balance of \$1,510,453.49. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Rich Lackaff. Roll call vote was unanimous.
3. A motion was made by Rich Lackaff with a second from Elwin Walkling to approve the bills and claims totaling \$220,384.40. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. A draft from Nebraska Department of Education was presented with the 2009-2010 proposed aid to ESU 17 for Core Services. Mr. Radford expects this amount of \$552,005.28 to be revised.
5. The Unit Organization section of the new board policies was again discussed. Rod Palmer gave clarification to questions raised in previous meetings. Dennis and Jan will check with other ESUs regarding their policies concerning warrants, timing of board meetings and if a board member's signature is required on the checks.
6. The Negotiations committee informed the Board that they have reached an agreement with the ESU 17 Bargaining Unit.
7. A letter from Nebraska Department of Education confirming Accreditation for 2009-2010 was distributed.
8. Legislative updates and the March Media report were presented.
9. A letter of encouragement to join NASB with a 50% cost reduction for the current year was read. There was no interest indicated by the Board.

10. Mr. Radford reminded the Board that he received a verbal resignation from Rose Dredge prior to April 15, 2009. Also, the resignation of Tim Sinsel from ESU Cooperative Purchasing effective June 30, 2009 was announced.
11. Information pertaining to 2008-2009 salaries of ESU Administrators was distributed. Mr. Radford made a proposal of an \$8,000.00 increase in his 2009-2010 salary.
12. Jody Dexter made the motion with a second from Renee Adkisson to go into executive session at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the Administrator's contract. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Rich Lackaff to come out of executive session at 11:37 a.m. Roll call vote was unanimous.
13. Rich Lackaff made the motion to approve Mr. Radford's contract in the amount of \$110,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous.
14. Renee Adkisson made the motion and was seconded by Jody Dexter to accept the negotiations package which includes an increase in the base salary to \$26,500.00, the non-index wage to \$16,137.00 and re-wording the group insurance requirement. Roll call vote was unanimous.
15. A motion was made by Rich Lackaff to approve the 2009-2010 ESU 17 calendar. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
16. Elwin Walkling made the motion and was seconded by Renee Adkisson to set the next meeting on June 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call vote was unanimous.
17. Discussion was held on possible improvements to be considered at the ESU 17 Tech Center. Dennis will proceed in getting a price quote for blacktopping the parking lot.
18. On a motion by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Renee Adkisson the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Secretary