

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
Ainsworth, Nebraska 69210
August 9, 2011

Present: Jean Pinney, Sue Weston, Elwin Walkling, Duane Gudgel, Chet Wilkins , Renee Adkisson, Dennis Radford and Jan Foster. Guests present were Carolyn Semin and Sharon Moreland.

Absent: Rich Lackaff and Jody Dexter.

President Sue Weston called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Announcement of the open meetings act posting was given.

1. Newly appointed board member, Duane Gudgel, signed the ESU 17 Oath of Office.
2. Renee Adkisson made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Rich Lackaff and Jody Dexter.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting was made by Elwin Walkling and seconded by Chet Wilkins. Roll call vote: Chet Wilkins – Yes, Jean Pinney – Yes, Renee Adkisson – Yes, Elwin Walkling – Yes, Sue Weston – Yes, Duane Gudgel – Abstain. Absent: Rich Lackaff and Jody Dexter.
4. Carolyn Semin and Sharon Moreland introduced themselves as members of the Sawyer Memorial Library Board. A brief background of Sawyer Memorial Library functions and duties were presented to the ESU 17 board members.
5. The financial reports ending June 30, 2011 and July 31, 2011 were presented with balances of \$2,627,091.92 and \$2,500,911.67 respectively. Elwin Walkling made a motion and Jean Pinney seconded to approve the financial statements. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Rich Lackaff and Jody Dexter.
6. Chet Wilkins made a motion to approve the listing of bills and claims totaling \$902,793.01. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Rich Lackaff and Jody Dexter.
7. Dennis distributed copies of Darlene Cleal's thank you for her retirement gift and Sue Haskell's thank you for the memorial given for her husband, Dave.
8. The Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association has extended an invitation for membership to the ESU 17 Board.

9. Information from Educators Health Alliance regarding a “premium holiday” in December 2011 was presented. The EHA Wellness program was also discussed. Board members are welcome and encouraged to join the ESU 17 wellness group.
10. The Internal Revenue Service announced the mileage rate increased to 55.5 cents effective July 1, 2011.
11. Nebraska Department of Education’s final 2011/12 ESU Core Services & Technology Infrastructure Certification was received. The calculated aid for ESU 17 is \$468,688.62.
12. Opening day for ESU 17 staff will be Friday, August 12. Representatives from AFLAC and BCBS will be present that day. Wade Fruhling, ESUCC, will work with the special education staff on the SRS system in the afternoon.
13. The proposed budget for 2011 – 2012 was distributed and discussed.
14. A letter of resignation was received from ESU 17 school nurse, Mardell Egelhoff.
15. Elwin Walkling made a motion to accept the resolution to raise the restricted fund portion of the 2011-2012 general fund budget by 1% over the restricted fund portion of the 2010-2011 general fund budget of ESU 17. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Elwin Walkling – Yes, Renee Adkisson – Yes, Sue Weston – Yes, Duane Gudgel – Yes, Chet Wilkins – Yes and Jean Pinney – Yes. Absent: Rich Lackaff and Jody Dexter.
16. A motion was made by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Jean Pinney to accept the BCBS premium holiday for December 2011. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Rich Lackaff and Jody Dexter.
17. The next board meeting will be September 13, 2011. The budget hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the regular board meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.
18. Elwin Walkling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Rich Lackaff and Jody Dexter.

Secretary