

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17  
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210  
November 8, 2016

Present: Sue Weston, Renee Adkisson, Rich Lackaff, Jan Knispel, Duane Gudgel, Jean Pinney, Geraldine Erickson, Jan Foster and David Ludwig, ESUCC Executive Director.

Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.

Vice-President Rich Lackaff called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Open Meetings Act posting was acknowledged.

1. Jean Pinney made a motion with a second from Duane Gudgel to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
2. A motion was made by Sue Weston to approve the absences of board members Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon. Jan Knispel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
3. Duane Gudgel made a motion to approve the October 11, 2016 meeting minutes. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
4. Geraldine introduced David Ludwig, Executive Director of the ESU Coordinating Council. The ESUCC works toward statewide coordination to provide the most cost-effective services for students, teachers and school districts. He stated communication is an important key while collaborating with schools, ESUs and the Nebraska Department of Education. A big issue in the next legislative session will be dealing with revenue shortfall while maintaining current services. He entertained questions from board members.
5. The financial statement ending October 31, 2016 was presented with an ending balance of \$2,946,912.24. Sue Weston made a motion with a second from Duane Gudgel to approve the financial statement. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
6. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$329,643.93 was reviewed. Renee Adkisson made a motion to approve payment of claims with the exception of check #79192 to David Major. Sue Weston seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
7. Geraldine presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield EHA renewal rate schedule that will become effective September 1, 2017. Premium rates will rise 7.99 percent next year.

8. ESU 17 staff negotiation team presented an offer to the board negotiation team which then made a counter offer.
9. The administrative report included discussion on an upcoming staff resignation and the possibility of re-locating the ESU 17 office in Valentine to an office owned by Dave Major. Jan indicated this would be a good move as it provides more space and is not in an area where flooding is an issue. This office space should become available in the spring of 2017. Jan Knispel made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to amend payment of bills to include check # 79192 to David Major for office rent deposit. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
10. A motion to allow bills to be paid in the absence of a December meeting and in the absence or delay of a January meeting was made by Sue Weston. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
11. Renee Adkisson made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the change in home base from Springview to Valentine for Amanda Barstow effective October 25, 2016. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
12. A revised copy of the Administrator Evaluation form was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Jan Knispel to approve as presented. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
13. Each board member will individually complete the evaluation form and return to Jan Knispel by December 31, 2016. The Board will collectively discuss the evaluations with Geraldine at the January meeting. The second required evaluation will be completed by April 30, 2017 and discussed at the May 2017 meeting.
14. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Valentine.
15. Jan Knispel made a motion to adjourn at 11:02 a.m.

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Secretary