

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
130 S. Hall St. – Valentine, NE 69201
January 10, 2017

Present: Roxie Lindquist, Jody Dexter, Jean Pinney, Renee Adkisson, Lisa Chohon, Sue Weston, Duane Gudgel, Jan Knispel (10:05 a.m.), Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster.

President Jody Dexter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Open Meetings Act posting was acknowledged.

1. Jody welcomed Roxie Lindquist to the board.
2. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel.
3. A motion to excuse the absence of Jan Knispel was made by Jean Pinney and seconded by Sue Weston. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. Sue Weston made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting. Duane Gudgel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel.
5. The financial statements ending November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016 with balances of \$2,942,750.67 and \$2,954,386.74 respectively were presented. Renee Adkisson made a motion with a second from Lisa Chohon to approve the financial statements. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel.
6. Jan Knispel joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.
7. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$592,642.62 was reviewed. Renee Adkisson made a motion to approve payment of claims. Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
8. Geraldine highlighted topics of the November 1, 2016 Advisory Council meeting.
9. Board members volunteering to serve on the negotiations committee are Jan Knispel, Renee Adkisson, Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon. Sue Weston, Roxie Lindquist, Duane Gudgel and Jean Pinney will serve on the facilities committee.
10. Geraldine shared information from the 2016 legislative session. She attended an ESUCC meeting last week, visited with Senators and attended a presentation by the Open Sky Policy Institute. Governor Ricketts has issued a budget cut of 4% to Core Services. ESUCC has scheduled an ESU legislative day on February 23 to allow the ESUs to highlight their services.
11. A letter of resignation was received from Susan Imm effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.
12. The 2015-16 audit report was distributed to board members for review prior to the February board meeting.

13. Jan Knispel completed a compilation of the administrator evaluation. Jody Dexter shared the results showing Mrs. Erickson proficient in all areas with no areas of concern.
14. The Administrative report included information on the Christmas night fire in the building west of ESU 17. Geraldine met with the insurance adjustor regarding the smoke damage. Stec's Cleaning Service will do general cleaning, replace ceiling tiles, clean carpet and upholstery. Negotiations for 2017-18 are complete. Geraldine read a thank you from Rich Lackaff. Perry Law Firm will be updating policies that result in legal changes to Nebraska school districts. In addition to rent, ESU 17 will be required to pay the electricity costs at the new Valentine office location. Custodial services were discussed.
15. The Code of Ethics was signed by all board members.
16. Duane Gudgel made a motion to retain Jody Dexter as President, move Jan Knispel to Vice President and nominate Lisa Chohon as Secretary. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
17. A motion was made by Sue Weston and seconded by Renee Adkisson to pay bills in the absence or delay of the February meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous.
18. Jan Knispel made a motion to approve the negotiated settlement with the ESU 17 teacher's group. The settlement includes a total package increase of 4.53% which will increase the base salary from \$30,500 to \$31,200. They also agreed to change certificated staff from the current nine sick days and two personal days to eight sick days and three personal days. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
19. Lisa Chohon made a motion to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Susan Imm effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
20. A motion to approve the administration evaluation was made by Duane Gudgel and seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous.
21. Jan Knispel made a motion with a second from Duane Gudgel to schedule the February meeting in both Ainsworth and Valentine locations. Roll call vote was unanimous.
22. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. was made by Jan Knispel.

Secretary