

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNITY 17
207 N. Main St. Ainsworth, NE – 130 S. Hall St. Valentine, NE
February 14, 2017

Present in Ainsworth: Jean Pinney, Sue Weston, Renee Adkisson, Lisa Chohon, Roxie Lindquist and Jan Foster.

Present in Valentine: Jan Knispel, Duane Gudgel, Jody Dexter and Geraldine Erickson.

President Jody Dexter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Open Meetings Act postings in both locations were acknowledged.

1. Jean Pinney made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous.
2. A motion was made by Renee Adkisson to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting. Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
3. The financial statement ending January 31, 2017 was presented with an ending balance of \$3,009,357.22. Sue Weston made a motion with a second from Roxie Lindquist to approve the financial statement. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$314,357.91 was reviewed. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon and seconded by Jean Pinney to approve payment of claims. Roll call vote was unanimous.
5. Geraldine stated there are numerous bills being introduced in the Nebraska Legislature that could potentially impact education and ESUs. LB 431 has provisions limiting cash reserves to 50% of local tax revenues. Several bills are being introduced to adjust the valuation of agricultural land. There are currently no bills to generate revenue. Live video streaming of the legislative hearings can be viewed on the netnebraska.org website. ESUCC will host a legislative day at the Nebraska Capitol on February 23. Geraldine will be in attendance to promote ESU services offered to schools.
6. The 2017 NRCSA Legislative Forum will be held on February 22, 2017 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln and the Spring Conference will be held in Kearney on March 23-24, 2017. ESU 17 will pay registration and travel costs for board members wishing to attend.
7. Geraldine presented the NeSA test results for ESU 17 member schools for math, reading and science.
8. The 2015-16 audit report was discussed with Geraldine responding to board member questions. ESU 17 will continue to work on reducing the cash reserve.

9. Geraldine will present at the KBR Leadership Academy Program at the ESU 17 Training Center on Wednesday, February 15, 2017. She will promote the services that ESU 17 has to offer. Custodial services at both Ainsworth and Valentine locations have been assigned and snow removal services at Valentine are in place. Thrasher, Inc. will be here on March 7th to inspect the main street building. Water was discovered on the north side of the basement where we have never had issues before. ESU 17 member school districts have made the decision to proceed with the Danielson Instructional Model. August 1 -2 have been set as teacher training dates. Training for administrators and instructional coaches will also be scheduled. Jeff McQuistan will participate in the training so he may be of assistance to the districts.
10. Jan Knispel made a motion to allow bills to be paid in March in the absence or delay of a meeting. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
11. The meeting in March will be held in both Ainsworth and Valentine locations.
12. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. was made by Jan Knispel.

Secretary