

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

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

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

Absent: Jean Pinney

President Jody Dexter called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The Open Meetings Act postings in both locations were acknowledged.

1. Trevor Stokes with Thrasher, Inc. joined the meeting via distance learning. Trevor reviewed Thrasher's customer ratings and awards. He explained the reason ESU 17 has water problems in the basement and presented a plan for waterproofing both the north and south sides of the building. This work will be covered by a 25 year warranty. He also recommends installing two sump pumps with a triple safe program that eliminates pump failures. The sump pumps would be covered by a two year warranty. He also recommends purchasing the annual maintenance plan. This plan may be canceled after three years. He presented a quote of \$16,188.30 plus \$216 per year for the maintenance agreement. The Board discussed concerns of where the water being pumped out would drain with Trevor reassuring this would rarely be an issue.
2. Duane Gudgel made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney.
3. Sue Weston made a motion to approve the absence of board member Jean Pinney. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting was made by Duane Gudgel and seconded by Roxie Lindquist. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney.
5. The financial statement ending February 28, 2017 was presented with an ending balance of \$3,005,091.48. A motion was made by Jan Knispel and seconded by Lisa Chohon to approve the financial statement. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney.
6. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$294,387.58 was reviewed. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve payment of claims. Sue Weston seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney.

7. There were no questions or concerns regarding the 2015-16 audit report.
8. The proposal from Thrasher, Inc. was discussed. Geraldine spoke on the credibility of the company regarding work they had performed at Keya Paha Schools.
9. Minutes of the February 7, 2017 advisory council meeting were distributed.
10. Geraldine inquired if any board members were interested in attending the NRCSA Conference in Kearney on March 23-24. She has received two applications for the advertised school psychologist position. Interviews will be scheduled in the near future. An individual has contacted Geraldine about the possibility of working one year at ESU 17 as a speech language pathologist assistant. The office move in Valentine is still on track for the end of March.
11. The ESU 17 negotiation committee offered an administrator contract to Geraldine Erickson for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The offer was accepted by Geraldine and the contract will be posted on the ESU 17 website to comply with the NDE Superintendent Transparency Act. The Board discussed negotiating the administrator contract in future years to align with staff negotiations.
12. A motion was made by Duane Gudgel and seconded by Jan Knispel to approve the audit report for 2015-2016. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney.
13. Jan Knispel made a motion to approve the ESU 17 calendar for 2017-2018. Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney.
14. Sue Weston made a motion with a second from Roxie Lindquist to pay bills in April in the delay or absence of a meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney.
15. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon to approve the Thrasher, Inc. quote of \$16,188.30, the annual payment of fees for the maintenance program and the required 20% down payment. Duane Gudgel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jean Pinney.
16. A response to LB 431 was signed by the board members and will be mailed to Senators Erdman, Larson and Brewer.
17. Jan Knispel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m.
18. The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Secretary

