

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17  
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210  
May 9, 2017

Present: Roxie Lindquist, Duane Gudgel, Jean Pinney, Jan Knispel, Lisa Chohon, Jody Dexter, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster.

Absent: Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston.

President Jody Dexter called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The Open Meetings Act posting was acknowledged.

1. A motion was made by Jan Knispel and seconded by Jean Pinney to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston.
2. Duane Gudgel made a motion to approve absent board members Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston. Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting was made by Jean Pinney. Roxie Linquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Jean Pinney – yes, Jody Dexter – yes, Lisa Chohon – abstain, Roxie Linquist – yes, Duane Gudgel - yes, JanKnispel – yes. Absent: Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston.
4. The financial statement ending April 30, 2017 was presented with an ending balance of \$3,039,503.47. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the financial statement. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston.
5. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$334,434.64 was reviewed. Duane Gudgel made a motion to approve payment of claims with the addition of \$700.00 to David Major for June rent. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston.
6. Geraldine updated the board members on current legislative issues. NCSA has expressed concern regarding the financial impact LB 651 (Adopt the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act) could impose on school districts. Information on property tax changes from 2015-2016 was distributed.
7. George Hefner has presented a contract beginning June 1, 2017 and ending on May 31, 2018. The per trip cost increased to \$410.00 and the hourly rate for off-site repair increased to \$64.00.
8. The minutes of the April 18, 2017 Advisory Council were included in the board packet.

9. The annual early childhood meeting was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the administration office. All ESU 17 member school districts were represented. Geraldine is exploring the option of hiring another occupational therapist. She extended an invitation to board members to join the staff for lunch on closing day, May 18<sup>th</sup>. An individual is interested in working for one year as a speech language technician to meet the needs of a request for additional speech services. Summer contracts will be issued to ESU 17 SPED staff who either serve early childhood students or assist with Mandt trainings.
10. Board members were given the Administrator Evaluation form that is required twice during the first year of Geraldine's contract. Members are asked to complete the form and return to Jody Dexter for action at the June meeting.
11. Jean Pinney made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to offer summer contracts to ESU 17 SPED staff at their hourly rate of pay but not less than \$40 per hour. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston.
12. A motion was made by Duane Gudgel to approve the contract with Hefner Electronics beginning June 1, 2017. Roxie Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston.
13. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Duane Gudgel to schedule the next board meeting on June 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Valentine office. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Renee Adkisson and Sue Weston.
14. A motion was made by Jan Knispel to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

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Secretary