

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210
February 13, 2018

Present: Sue Weston, Roxie Lindquist, Jody Dexter, Jan Knispel, Renee Adkisson, Jean Pinney, Duane Gudgel, Lisa Chohon, Becky LeZotte, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster.

Geraldine called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Nominations for President were opened. Jean Pinney made a motion with a second from Duane Gudgel to retain the current officers for the next year. Roll call vote as follows: Jean Pinney, Yes; Roxie Lindquist, Yes; Sue Weston, No; Jody Dexter, No; Renee Adkisson, No; Lisa Chohon, No; Jan Knispel, Abstain; Duane Gudgel, No. Motion failed.
2. Jody Dexter nominated Jan Knispel as President.
3. Jody Dexter moved that nominations for President cease. Sue Weston seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Jody Dexter, Yes; Renee Adkisson, Yes; Lisa Chohon, Yes; Jan Knispel, Abstain, Duane Gudgel, Yes, Jean Pinney, Yes; Roxie Lindquist, Yes and Sue Weston, Yes.
4. Roll call vote to elect Jan Knispel as President as follows: Jody Dexter, Yes; Renee Adkisson, Yes; Lisa Chohon, Yes; Jan Knispel, Abstain; Duane Gudgel, Yes; Jean Pinney, Yes; Roxie Lindquist, Yes and Sue Weston, Yes.
5. Nominations for Vice President were opened. Jody Dexter nominated Lisa Chohon for Vice President.
6. Jean Pinney made a motion for nomination to cease. Roxie Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Jean Pinney, Yes; Roxie Lindquist, Yes; Sue Weston, Yes; Jody Dexter, Yes; Renee Adkisson, Yes; Lisa Chohon, Abstain; Jan Knispel, Yes; Duane Gudgel, Yes.
7. Roll call vote to elect Lisa Chohon as Vice President as follows: Jody Dexter, Yes; Renee Adkisson, Yes; Lisa Chohon, Abstain; Jan Knispel, Yes; Duane Gudgel, Yes; Jean Pinney, Yes; Roxie Lindquist, Yes and Sue Weston, Yes.
8. Nominations for Secretary were opened. Sue Weston nominated Roxie Lindquist as Secretary.
9. Duane Gudgel made a motion that nominations for Secretary cease. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Duane Gudgel, Yes; Jean Pinney, Yes; Roxie Lindquist, Abstain; Sue Weston, Yes; Jody Dexter, Yes; Renee Adkisson, Yes; Lisa Chohon, Yes; Jan Knispel, Yes.
10. Roll call vote to elect Roxie Lindquist as Secretary as follows: Sue Weston, Yes; Jody Dexter, Yes; Renee Adkisson, Yes; Lisa Chohon, Yes; Jan Knispel, Yes; Duane Gudgel, Yes; Jean Pinney, Yes and Roxie Lindquist, Abstain.
11. President Jan Knispel acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posting.

12. Renee Adkisson made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous.
13. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. Duane Gudgel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
14. The financial statements ending December 31, 2017 and January 31, 2018 were presented with ending balances of \$2,840,869.98 and \$2,773,817.30 respectfully. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the financial statements. Roll call vote was unanimous.
15. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$621,888.82 was reviewed. Sue Weston made a motion with a second from Roxie Lindquist to approve payment of claims. Roll call vote was unanimous.
16. The negotiations committee for 2018 will consist of Jan Knispel, Lisa Chohon, Jody Dexter and Renee Adkisson. Duane Gudgel, Jean Pinney, Roxie Lindquist and Sue Weston will serve on the facilities committee.
17. The Internal Revenue Service issued the standard mileage rate of .545 per mile effective January 1, 2018. This is an increase of one cent.
18. Becky LeZotte shared information regarding her job responsibilities. With digital learning she assists with setting up distance learning classes, zoom meetings and virtual field trip presentations. In the media department she works with school district librarians in sharing the ebook library and Learn 360. Becky attends technology related trainings and works with teachers and students in the ESU 17 members schools. She explained the BlendED Learning concept of teaching being implemented at Rock County Public Schools. Focuses this year have been on device management at Rock County and Keya Paha County Schools and helping with classroom coding projects.
19. Geraldine reviewed various legislative bills related to education, highlighted changes in the Equity and Compliance policy and presented the Nebraska statutes applicable to conflict of interests.
20. The audit report prepared by Romans, Weimer and Associates ending June 30, 2017 was discussed.
21. The Board proposed a contract with Mrs. Erickson which included a 3.3% increase beginning July 1, 2018. The proposed contract will be posted on the ESU 17 website.
22. Geraldine explained how the future ESSA coding changes will impact the look of the ESU 17 budget. The SIMPL process with district administrators is complete and the feedback was positive. ESU 17 staff will assist schools with curriculum and instructional coaching. Geraldine will be part of an external visitation team at Mullen on March 13 – 15. ESU 17 is advertising for the positions of an early childhood special education

instructor and a part time nurse for the 2018-19. Jan Foster provided candidate filing forms to the board members whose terms expire at the end of 2018. Geraldine recently met with representatives from Northeast Community College. Mid Plains Community College had a flooding incident and used the ESU 17 Valentine facility for a planned training. Advisory Council minutes from the February 6, 2018 meeting and the amended 2018-2019 ESU 17 calendar were shared. The AdvancEd external visitation team will be in Ainsworth March 25 – 28. Board members are asked to RSVP by March 22 if they plan to attend the Sunday evening dinner. The March board meeting will be recorded as a requirement for AdvancED.

23. All board members signed the Code of Ethics for ESU 17 Board Members.
24. Duane Gudgel made a motion with a second from Jody Dexter to pay bills in March in the delay or absence of a board meeting. Vote was unanimous.
25. A motion to approve the negotiated settlement with the local association which included a 3.3% total package increase and including the wording regarding maternity leave in the sick leave bank was made by Jean Pinney. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
26. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Lisa Chohon to approve the ESU 17 2018-2019 calendar. Vote was unanimous.
27. A motion to accept the 2016-2017 audit report was made by Lisa Chohon. Roxie Lindquist seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
28. Roxie Lindquist made a motion to adopt the Equity and Compliance Policy on first reading and waive the second reading. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
29. A motion to change the March 13, 2018 meeting to March 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. was made by Lisa Chohon and seconded by Renee Adkisson. Vote was unanimous.
30. Lisa Chohon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Secretary