

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
113 N. Hall St. Valentine, NE – 207 N. Main St. Ainsworth, NE
January 8, 2019

Present at Valentine: Sue Weston, Roxie Lindquist, Jean Pinney, Jody Dexter, Jan Knispel, Jeff McQuistan and Jan Foster.

Present at Ainsworth (DL): Renee Adkisson, Lisa Chohon and Geraldine Erickson.

Absent: Duane Gudgel

Geraldine Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Open Meetings Act postings were acknowledged at both locations.

1. Jody Dexter made a motion to retain the 2018 officers in their respective positions with Jan Knispel, President; Lisa Chohon, Vice President and Roxie Lindquist, Secretary. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
2. A motion to approve the agenda as printed was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Roxie Lindquist. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
3. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the absence of board member Duane Gudgel. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
4. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
5. The financial statements ending November 30, 2018 and December 31, 2018 were presented with ending balances of \$2,362,708.56 and \$2,440,671.32 respectively. Sue Weston made a motion with a second from Roxie Lindquist to approve the financial statements as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
6. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$647,744.73 was reviewed. A motion was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Sue Weston to approve payment of claims. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
7. Board members volunteering to serve on the facilities committee for 2019 are Jody Dexter, Jean Pinney, Roxie Lindquist and Duane Gudgel. The negotiations committee members will be Jan Knispel, Sue Weston, Renee Adkisson and Lisa Chohon.
8. The IRS raised the mileage rate from .545 to .58 per mile effective January 1, 2019.
9. Geraldine presented 2019-2020 projected salary information for non-certificated staff.
10. Roxie, Jeff and Geraldine reported on the recent AESA Convention they attended in Colorado Springs. All were impressed with the keynote speakers and the sessions they attended.

11. A PBiS/MTSS workday with Anne Oeth was held at the training center on January 4 with approximately 25 in attendance. The school districts have expressed their interest in moving forward with the multi-tiered system of support. ESU 17 has received resignations effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year from Amanda Barstow and Angy Murphy. The Nebraska Legislature will convene on January 9th. Ainsworth Community Schools will be conducting interviews for a superintendent in the near future. Dave Ludwig, ESUCC Executive Director, announced his resignation effective June 30, 2019.
12. Jeff McQuistan reviewed the December 10, 2018 Data Dig and Strategic Planning Day. The morning session included school district teams. Priorities and responses for 2018 were identified. Regional priorities for 2019-20 were listed in order with MTSS and PBiS having the greatest impact on student achievement. The afternoon strategic planning session included school district teams, ESU staff and ESU board members. The 3-5 year plan includes a vision statement, core values, focus areas and strategic actions. Jean Pinney and Jan Knispel were in attendance and complimented Jeff on his organization and planning of this meeting.
13. The Code of Ethics was signed by all present board members.
14. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve payment of bills in February in absence or delay of a meeting. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
15. A motion was made by Roxie to accept the resignations with regret of Amanda Barstow and Angy Murphy effective at the end of their 2018-19 contracts. The motion was seconded by Renee Adkisson. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
16. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second by Jody Dexter to approve the negotiated settlement with the local association which includes a 4.33% total package increase, increase the number of annual sick days for certificated staff from 8 to 9 and change the wording of the negotiated agreement pertaining to "immediate family" for purposes of sick leave to include: spouse and spouse's parents, children (by blood, adoption, or marriage), children's spouses, parents and their spouses, siblings and their spouses, grandparents, grandchildren and their spouses. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
17. A motion to approve the ESU 17 2019-2020 calendar was made by Sue Weston and seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Duane Gudgel.
18. The next meeting will be held on February 12, 2019 at the administration office in Ainsworth with a distance learning site in Valentine.
19. Lisa Chohon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Secretary

