

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210
November 12, 2024

Present: Jan Knispel, Mark Ormesher, Gerry Carr, Jean Pinney, Roxie Lindquist, Bruce Ferguson, Connie Lentz, Geraldine Erickson, and Marit Kaiser

Absent: Jody Dexter

President Mark Ormesher called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The posting of the Open Meetings Act was acknowledged. The meeting notice was published on the ESU 17 website and on the front doors of ESU 17, Ainsworth Community Schools, Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools, Keya Paha County Schools, Rock County Public Schools, Valentine Community Schools and published in the Ainsworth Star Journal, Rock County Leader, Springview Herald, and Valentine Midland News.

1. Jan Knispel made a motion to approve the appointment of Connie Lentz to the ESU 17 board. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter. Abstained: Connie Lentz.
2. Jean Pinney made a motion with a second from Bruce Ferguson to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter.
3. Roxie Lindquist made a motion with a second from Connie Lentz to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2024, meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter.
4. Jack Moles, from NRCSA, gave a presentation on what the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association does for our schools and ESUs and why our membership is beneficial. Steve Dike, Ainsworth Community Schools 7-12 grade Principal, gave a presentation on the collaboration between ESU 17 and his school. He highlighted multiple areas of benefits, instruction, and knowledge.
5. Gerry Carr made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the October 31, 2024, financial report with an ending balance of \$1,910,345.25. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter.
6. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. Bruce Ferguson made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve payment of claims

totaling \$459,732.58. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter.

7. A discussion was led by Geraldine regarding the Administrator Report. The Regional Symposium data dashboard, parking spot rental, and the negotiations committee meeting were discussed.
8. The negotiations committee discussed the information presented to them. A formal discussion and presentation will be held in a future meeting.
9. Gerry Carr made a motion to pay bills and claims in the absence of a December meeting. Connie Lentz seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter.
10. Jean Pinney made a motion with second from Gerry Carr to approve the absence of Jody Dexter. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter.
11. The next Board Meeting will be held December 10th at 10:00 a.m. in Valentine.
12. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Secretary