

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17  
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210  
March 11, 2025

Present: Jody Dexter, Jan Knispel (Zoom), Gerry Carr, Connie Lentz, Roxie Lindquist, Jean Pinney, Geraldine Erickson, and Marit Kaiser.

Absent: Mark Ormesher, Bruce Ferguson

Vice President Jan Knispel called the meeting to order at 10:01 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. Jody Dexter made a motion, seconded by Connie Lentz, to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
2. Gerry Carr made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
3. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Roxie Lindquist to approve the February 28, 2025, financial report with an ending balance of \$2,046,718.95. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
4. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. Gerry Carr made a motion with a second from Connie Lentz to approve payment of claims totaling \$460,694.74 for March. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: March Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
5. Geraldine led a brief discussion regarding the administrative report. The NRCSA conference is next week and will be attended by Geraldine and Christina. The Nebraska Legislature is discussing a cyber security bill. Also discussed is the upcoming literacy plan and the hire of April Rhodes.

6. Kelli Gibson and Heather Lutter discussed and explained the benefits of the teacher-leader cohort and how it empowers teachers to help with school improvements, better collaboration, and self-reflection.
7. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve and pay the bills and claims in the absence or delay of a meeting in April with a second from Gerry Carr. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
8. A motion was made by Jody Dexter to approve the hire of Erin Bussen, ESUCC Project Secretary. Roxie Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
9. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve the hire of April Rhodes with a second from Connie Lentz. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
10. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve the NNNC Agreement that spans from 2025 through 2028. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
11. A motion was made by Roxie Lindquist to approve the absence of Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Bruce Ferguson.
12. The next board meeting will be April 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with a Zoom option.
13. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

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Secretary