

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210
August 8, 2023

Present: Bruce Ferguson, Roxie Lindquist, Jan Knispel, Lisa Chohon, Jean Pinney, Gerry Carr, Jeff McQuistan, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster.

Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.

President Roxie Lindquist called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.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 School, 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. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimously approved. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
2. A motion to approve the absence of board members Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter was made by Gerry Carr and seconded by Lisa Chohon. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
3. Gerry Carr made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
4. Jeff McQuistan, ESU 17 Staff Development Director, updated the Board on the ESU 17 Agency Improvement process.
5. A motion to approve the financial statements ending June 30, 2023 and July 31, 2023 with balances of \$2,032,193.73 and \$1,939,243.47 respectively was made by Jan Knispel. Bruce Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
6. The listings of bills and claims were reviewed. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve claims totaling \$783,974.38. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
7. Opening day for ESU 17 staff is Wednesday, August 9, 2023.
8. Geraldine Erickson, Jeff McQuistan and Kelli Gibson attended Admin Days in Kearney July 25-28. Dr. Maher, Nebraska Commissioner of Education, presented a keynote address. NRCSA membership was discussed. NASB has developed a negotiations software that Geraldine will use to do comparability studies. NASB is hosting a membership meeting in Valentine on

August 22, 2023. Geraldine will register Jan Knispel, Roxie Lindquist, Lisa Chohon and Jean Pinney to attend the event.

9. The proposed budget for 2023-2024 was discussed.
10. A motion to approve the 2023-2024 ESU 17 staff handbook was made by Jan Knispel and seconded by Bruce Ferguson. Roll call vote was unanimously approved. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
11. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve home bases for ESU 17 staff. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
12. A motion to approve the negotiations group was made by Gerry Carr and seconded by Jan Knispel. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
13. Bruce Ferguson made a motion with a second from Lisa Chohon to approve the hire of Shara Johnson. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
14. Jan Knispel made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the hire of Tammy Cheatum. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
15. A motion to approve the disposal of property was made by Jean Pinney and seconded by Gerry Carr. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
16. A motion to approve the 2023-2024 NRCSA membership was made by Lisa Chohon. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
17. Lisa Chohon made a motion to hold the budget hearing on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. with the tax request hearing and regular meeting to follow. Bruce Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Mark Ormesher and Jody Dexter.
18. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Secretary