

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
Ainsworth, NE 69210
August 9, 2022

Present: Roxie Lindquist, Gerry Carr, Jean Pinney, Jody Dexter, Lisa Chohon, Bruce Ferguson, Mark Ormesher, Jan Knispel (arrived at 5:04 pm), Jeff McQuistan, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster.

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 unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel.
2. A motion to approve the resignation of board member Duane Gudgel was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Gerry Carr. Roll call vote was unanimous.
3. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve the appointment of Mark Ormesher to fill the vacancy of ESU 17 District #7 created by the resignation of Duane Gudgel. Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. A motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting was made by Jan Knispel and seconded by Jody Dexter. Roll call vote was unanimous.
5. Jeff McQuistan, ESU 17 staff development director, presented an overview of the upcoming external visit. The team will arrive in Ainsworth on October 19. They will be welcomed to ESU 17 on October 20 by Geraldine Erickson. Day one will consist of interviews with various groups. Board members are encouraged to attend the lunch and meet with the team. The external team will continue interviews on day two with the student services staff and finish with an exit report.
6. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve the June 30, 2022 and July 31, 2022 financial statements with ending balances of \$1,913,192.29 and \$1,821,548.37 respectively. Jan Knispel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
7. The listings of bills and claims for July and August were reviewed. A motion was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Jean Pinney to approve payment of claims totaling \$779,517.75. Roll call vote was unanimous.
8. All ESU 17 staff were present on August 8th for opening day activities.
9. Geraldine, Jeff McQuistan and Kelli Gibson attended Administrator Days in Kearney the week of July 25- 29. Nebraska Department of Education also presented. There will be a NASB membership meeting in Valentine on August 30. Board members wishing to attend can let Geraldine know prior to the registration deadline of August 24. Geraldine reviewed the wording in the policy updates.

10. We have received the renewal for NRCSA membership. Dues for 2022-23 are \$850.
11. Geraldine presented the proposed 2022-23 budget. The Board agreed to have a budget planning session prior to the regular September meeting.
12. A motion to approve the ESU 17 staff handbook was made by Jean Pinney and seconded by Jody Dexter. Roll call vote was unanimous.
13. Mark Ormesher made a motion to approve the home bases for ESU 17 employees. Bruce Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
14. A motion was made by Gerry Carr and seconded by Jan Knispel to recognize the ESU 17 negotiations group represented by Christina Buckles and Robyn Wright. Roll call vote was unanimous.
15. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second by Mark Ormesher to approve the hire of Dawn Pierce. Roll call vote was unanimous.
16. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve the disposal of property. Bruce Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
17. A motion to approve the policy updates was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Lisa Chohon. Roll call vote was unanimous.
18. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve the NRCSA membership for 2022-2023. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
19. A motion was made by Jan Knispel and seconded by Mark Ormesher to hold a budget planning meeting on September 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom.
20. Jody Dexter made a motion to hold the budget hearing on September 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with the tax request hearing and regular meeting to follow. Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
21. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm.

Secretary