

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17  
130 S Hall St. – Valentine, NE 69210  
December 10, 2024

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

Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson

President Mark Ormesher 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. Jan Knispel made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson.
2. Roxie Lindquist made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson.
3. Jeff McQuistan gave a presentation on the NEDP, which is a collaboration between ESU 17 and ESU 6. The purpose is to make data readily accessible to teachers and schools to assist in multiple areas of instruction and knowledge.
4. Gerry Carr made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the November 30, 2024, financial report with an ending balance of \$1,876,272.27. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson.
5. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. Connie Lentz made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve payment of claims totaling \$450,704.70. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson.
6. A discussion was led by Geraldine regarding the Administrator Report. Items discussed include negotiations, resignations, legislative preview, and maternity leaves.

7. The negotiations committee discussed proposed salary changes.
8. A motion was made by Gerry Carr with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the resignations of Jeff McQuistan and Scotty Nelson at the end of their current contracts. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson.
9. The Board discussed making an offer to Geraldine to renew her contract as the Administrator.
10. Jean Pinney made a motion to pay bills and claims in the absence of a January meeting. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson.
11. A motion was made to conduct the next board meeting on February 10, 2025 @ 10:00 in Ainsworth with a Zoom option by Connie Lentz. The motion was seconded by Jan Knispel. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson.
12. Gerry Carr made a motion with second from Roxie Lindquist to approve the absence of Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Bruce Ferguson.
13. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

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Secretary