

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210
August 13, 2024

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

Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon

President Mark Ormesher called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 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 Jean Pinney to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
2. Jan Knispel made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the amended minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
3. Larianne Polk, ESUCC CEO, introduced herself to the board and spoke briefly on her goals as the new CEO.
4. A motion was made by Bruce Ferguson, with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the hire of Lake Gatton, ESUCC.
5. Roxie Lindquist made a motion with a second from Bruce Ferguson to approve the June 30, 2024, financial report with an ending balance of \$2,206,121.34, and the July 31, 2024, financial report with an ending balance of \$2,094,847.33. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
6. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. Roxie Lindquist made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve payment of claims totaling \$13,307.78 for June, \$689,082.11 for July, and \$481,907.35 for August. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.

7. Geraldine led a brief discussion regarding the administrative report. Discussion was had regarding ADA accessibility, Title IX updates, Administrator Days, budget decisions, home bases, and staff handbook changes.
8. Committee Reports included discussion of upcoming building projects.
9. A motion was made by Jean Pinney with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the changes made to the staff handbook. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
10. Jan Knispel made a motion to approve the home bases with a second from Bruce Ferguson. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
11. Gerry Carr made a motion to approve Articles 2 and 6, board policies, as presented and to repeal and rescind all existing board policies that pertain to the same matter that are otherwise conflicting, including without limitation existing policies. The motion was seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
12. A motion was made by Jan Knispel with a second from Roxie Lindquist to approve the disposal of property. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
13. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve the 24-25 NRCSA membership. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
14. A motion was made by Bruce Ferguson with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the absence of Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon. Roll call vote unanimous. Absent: Jody Dexter and Lisa Chohon.
15. A motion was made by Jody Dexter with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the payment of bills through June 30th, 2024. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
16. The next board meeting date is set for September 10, 2024. The budget hearing will start at 5:00 p.m., followed by the tax request meeting and board meeting.
17. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Secretary