EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17

Ainsworth, NE 69210

November 8, 2022

Present in person: Roxie Lindquist, Jody Dexter, Jan Knispel, Bruce Ferguson, Jim Hoch, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster.

Present via zoom: Jean Pinney, Gerry Carr and Mark Ormesher.

Absent: Lisa Chohon.

President Roxie Lindquist called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 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. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
2. Jim Hoch was present to discuss concerns with deteriorating asphalt conditions in his parking lot adjacent to the ESU 17 training center.
3. A motion to approve the absence of board member Lisa Chohon was made by Bruce Ferguson and seconded by Gerry Carr. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
4. Jan Knispel made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
5. A motion to approve the October 31, 2022 financial statement with an ending balance of $1,615,033.72 was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Mark Ormesher. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
6. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. Bruce Ferguson made a motion with a second from Mark Ormesher to approve payment of claims totaling $383,730.82. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
7. Educators Health Alliance released the 2023-2024 health/dental insurance premiums. There will be an overall increase of 6.87%.
8. ESU 17 staff will meet on November 9 to discuss negotiation ideas.
9. Geraldine reported ESU 17 is in the second year of the school mental health grant. NDE may be applying for another round of grant money with the possibility of ESU 17 partnering with them. This would provide funding for additional training of staff to better serve our area. The external review went very well with the team having many good things to say. The full report will be shared when it is received.
10. Jan Knispel made a motion to allow bills to be paid in December in the absence or delay of a board meeting. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
11. A motion to allow bills to be paid in January in the absence or delay of a meeting was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Mark Ormesher. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
12. Jody Dexter made a motion to set the next meeting on January 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Valentine ESU office. This meeting will be held with an in-person or zoom option. Jan Knispel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
13. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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