

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17  
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210  
June 11, 2024

Present: Jody Dexter, Jan Knispel, Mark Ormesher, Gerry Carr, Lisa Chohon, Jean Pinney, Geraldine Erickson, and Marit Kaiser

Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson

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. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
2. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
3. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Roxie Lindquist to approve the May 31, 2024, financial report with an ending balance of \$2,174,377.35. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
4. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve payment of claims totaling \$469,899.78. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
5. Geraldine led a brief discussion regarding the administrative report. Discussion was had regarding basement renovation and possible sale of the training center. Also discussed was the new owner and lease for the Valentine office. Details of Core Service money, ESUCC Interlocal Agreement, and Article 1 Board Policies were also presented.
6. Committee Reports included discussion of the training center parking lot drainage issues, Jim Hoch, and whomever he may find for asphalt work.

Estimates for upgrading the basement of the main ESU building were discussed, as well as selling the training center.

7. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon with a second from Gerry Carr to approve Union Bank and Trust, NFIT, NLAf, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Frontier Bank, Western NE Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Tri-County Bank, and the addition of any institution where an approved CD may be purchased as the 2024-2025 official depositories. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
8. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve Ainsworth Star Journal, Rock County Leader, Springview Herald, and Valentine Midland News as the 2024-2025 official newspapers, with a second from Jody Dexter. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
9. Lisa Chohon made a motion to designate Romans, Weimer, and Associates as the auditing firm for 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
10. A motion was made by Jody Dexter with a second from Lisa Chohon to approve payment of half of the estimate to resurface the training center driveway asphalt up to \$4900.00. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
11. Jean Pinney made a motion to waive the second reading and approve Article 1 board policies as presented and to repeal and rescind all existing board policies that pertain to the same matters that are otherwise conflicting, including without limitation existing policies. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
12. A motion was made by Jody Dexter with a second from Roxie Lindquist to approve the interlocal agreement with the ESUCC. Roll call vote unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
13. A motion was made by Jody Dexter with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the payment of bills through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
14. Gerry Carr made a motion to approve the Valentine office lease agreement. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.

15. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve the payment of bills in the absence of a July board meeting with a second from Roxie Lindquist. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
16. Lisa Chohon made a motion, seconded by Gerry Carr, to approve the absence of Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
17. Roxie Lindquist made a motion to approve August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. as the date and time of the next board meeting. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
18. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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Secretary