

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

Present: Jody Dexter (Zoom), Jan Knispel (Zoom – Arrived at 10:03), Mark Ormesher, Gerry Carr, Lisa Chohon, Roxie Lindquist, Bruce Ferguson (Arrived at 10:04), Jean Pinney, Geraldine Erickson, and Marit Kaiser

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. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
2. Roxie Lindquist made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024, meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Bruce Ferguson.
3. **Jeff McQuistan gave a presentation on the Perkins grant which started in 1984. This grant is to increase funding for Career and Technical Education for secondary and post-secondary institutions. There are six different career clusters in CTE. Federal funds for this grant are distributed through NDE. The Nebraska legislature had added additional funding for the 23-24 year. Larger action grants are also available for more extensive projects.**
4. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the January 31, 2024, financial report with an ending balance of \$1,882,361.22. Roll call vote was unanimous.
5. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. Bruce Ferguson made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve payment of claims totaling \$414,720.64. Roll call vote was unanimous.
6. **Geraldine led a brief discussion regarding the administrative report. The Main Street renovation is set to begin this year. The City of Ainsworth is encouraging businesses to replace their water and sewer lines as the street is torn up. Advertisements for a mental health practitioner and a school psychologist are**

currently running. The Department of Education will host a training here tomorrow on 2/14/24 on alternate assessment and English learners.

7. The building committee was asked whether they would like to be involved in the water/sewer line project this summer. The funeral home has not mentioned excess water in the parking lot as of late.
8. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon with a second from Jean Pinney to approve the Administrator's contract. Roll call vote was unanimous.
9. Roxie Lindquist made a motion to approve and pay the bills and claims in the absence or delay of a meeting in March with a second from Gerry Carr. Roll call vote was unanimous.
10. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve and pay the NASB membership with a second from Bruce Ferguson. Roll call vote was unanimous.
11. Jan Knispel made a motion to remove Jan Foster as a signatory on all ESU 17 accounts. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
12. Bruce Ferguson made a motion to approve the hire and contract of Sarah Baden (ESUCC). Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
13. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve the hire and contract of Larry "Rance" Hall (NCNE). Lisa Chohon seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
14. The next board meeting will be March 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. with a Zoom option.
15. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Secretary