

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
207 N. Main St. Ainsworth, NE 69210
February 8, 2022

Present: Renee Adkisson, Jody Dexter, Roxie Lindquist, Jean Pinney, Duane Gudgel, Lisa Chohon, Jan Knispel, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster.

Absent: Sue Weston.

Administrator Geraldine Erickson 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 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 nominated Roxie Lindquist for President. Duane Gudgel seconded the nomination. Jean Pinney made a motion that nominations cease. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston and Jan Knispel.
2. Duane Gudgel nominated Jean Pinney for Vice-President. Jody Dexter seconded the nomination. Renee Adkisson made a motion that nominations cease. Roll call vote as follows. Roxie Lindquist – Yes, Jean Pinney – Abstain, Lisa Chohon – Yes, Duane Gudgel – Yes, Jody Dexter – Yes, Renee Adkisson – Yes. Absent: Sue Weston and Jan Knispel.
3. Jean Pinney nominated Duane Gudgel for Secretary. Lisa Chohon seconded the nomination. Renee Adkisson made a motion that nominations cease. Roll call vote as follows: Roxie Lindquist – Yes, Jean Pinney – Yes, Lisa Chohon – Yes, Duane Gudgel – Abstain, Jody Dexter – Yes, Renee Adkisson – Yes. Absent: Sue Weston and Jan Knispel.
4. A motion to approve the agenda as printed was made by Lisa Chohon and seconded by Duane Gudgel. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston and Jan Knispel.
5. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second by Jean Pinney to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston and Jan Knispel.
6. Jan Knispel joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.
7. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve the December 31, 2021 and the January 31, 2022 financial statements with ending balances of \$1,722,061.76 and \$1,674,841.88 respectively. Duane Gudgel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
8. The listing of bills and claims for January and February were reviewed. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon and seconded by Duane Gudgel to approve payment of claims totaling \$671,220.19. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
9. Board members volunteering to serve on the negotiations committee for 2022 are Jan Knispel, Lisa Chohon, Roxie Lindquist and Sue Weston. The facilities committee members for 2022 will be Duane Gudgel, Jody Dexter, Renee Adkisson and Jean Pinney.
10. The Board reviewed the proposed items of the ESU 17 staff negotiations team.

11. The Nebraska Legislature is in session. Geraldine reviewed a few bills pertaining to education.
12. Geraldine reported that Jeff McQuistan is participating in the NE Legislative Day via zoom. She attended an ESUCC meeting last week in Columbus. Applications are being accepted for the position of curriculum and instruction specialist. Interviews will be scheduled in the near future. The five ESU 17 member school districts have expressed interest in participating in the ESU 17 school mental health grant. Geraldine was involved in a phone interview with the CDC as they gathered information from ESUs regarding student health. A representative from ALICAP visited ESU 17 facilities as part of an appraisal process.
13. The Board discussed the administrator contract approving an overall package increase of 4% for 2022-2023.
14. Board members signed the Code of Ethics.
15. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the 2022-2023 ESU 17 calendar. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
16. A motion to allow bills to be paid in the absence or delay of a meeting in March was made by Renee Adkisson. Duane Gudgel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
17. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to accept the resignation of Patty Finney with regrets. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
18. A motion to approve the membership in NASB for an annual fee of \$735.00 was made by Jean Pinney and seconded by Duane Gudgel. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
19. Lisa Chohon made a motion to approve the negotiated settlement with the local association with a 3.84% total salary package increase. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
20. A motion to appoint Jeff McQuistan as Non-Discrimination Compliance Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator was made by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Duane Gudgel. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
21. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the 2020-2021 audit report from Romans, Weimer and Associates. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
22. Jan Knispel made a motion to excuse the absence of board member Sue Weston. Duane Gudgel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Sue Weston.
23. The next meeting of the ESU 17 Board will be on March 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., either in person at the ESU 17 Administration office or via zoom.
24. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Secretary

