

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

Present: Renee Adkisson, Jean Pinney, Roxie Lindquist, Duane Gudgel, Jan Knispel, Jody Dexter, Bruce Fergason, Geraldine Erickson, Stephanie Fling and Jan Foster.

Absent: Lisa Chohon and Sue Weston.

President Roxie Lindquist called the meeting to order at 10:05 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. Duane Gudgel made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon and Sue Weston.
2. A motion was made by Jan Knispel and seconded by Jean Pinney to approve the absence of board members Lisa Chohon and Sue Weston. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon and Sue Weston.
3. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second by Renee Adkisson to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon and Sue Weston.
4. Stephanie Fling shared information regarding the School Mental Health grant received by ESU 17. Stephanie, Misty Wroblewski and Scotty Nelson are working collaboratively with teams from our member schools. At the January Data Dig, mental health was identified as a need by all five school districts. A mental health institute, led by ESU 2, will be held at ESU 17 on June 16 and 17, 2022. The ESU 17 mental health team will support comprehensive school mental health efforts by focusing on the 7 domains identified in the School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation System (SHAPE).
5. Duane Gudgel made a motion to accept Sue Weston's resignation, with regrets. Jan Knispel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon and Sue Weston.
6. A motion was made by Renee Adkisson to approve the appointment of Bruce Ferguson to fill the vacancy of ESU 17 District #1 created by the resignation of Sue Weston. The motion was seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
7. Duane Gudgel made a motion with a second by Jody Dexter to approve the February 28, 2022 financial statement with an ending balance of \$1,710,756.22. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
8. The listing of bills and claims were reviewed. A motion was made by Jan Knispel and seconded by Renee Adkisson to approve payment of claims totaling \$329,877.76. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.

9. Geraldine stated the administrator contract had been published on the ESU 17 website for the required amount of time. Sheri Shultis, ESUCC PowerSchool program director, has submitted her resignation effective March 31, 2022. Interviews were held for the curriculum and instruction specialist position. The position was offered to Kelli Gibson. Geraldine and Maggie Alderson will be in Kearney next week for Mandt recertification. Geraldine will also attend the NRCSA Conference while there. She participated in the ESUCC meeting last week at ESU 1 in Wakefield. Due to a Pyramid Model workshop being held on April 12, the April board meeting date will need to be changed. A meeting of ESU 17 member school superintendents and principals will be held on March 14, 2022.
10. The Nebraska Legislature is in session. Geraldine discussed several recent bills that either did not pass or are still being debated.
11. Geraldine discussed with the Board the concern she had with the percentage guidance she was given for non-certificated salaries regarding the school nurses. Board members agreed allowing Geraldine flexibility in establishing the nurses salaries.
12. A motion was made by Jean Piney and seconded by Duane Gudgel to approve the hire of Kelli Gibson effective July 1, 2022. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
13. Renee Adkisson made a motion to approve the resignation of Sheri Shultis effective March 31, 2022. Jan Knispel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
14. A motion to approve the hire of Rebecca Sosalla as the ESUCC PowerSchool program director was made by Renee Adkisson and seconded by Duane Gudgel. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
15. Bruce Ferguson made a motion to allow the bills to be paid in April in the delay or absence of a meeting. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
16. A motion was made by Duane Gudgel and seconded by Jean Pinney to approve the administrator contract. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
17. Renee Adkisson made a motion to set the next meeting date for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This will be both in person and via Zoom at the ESU 17 Administrative office. Bruce Ferguson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Lisa Chohon.
18. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

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