

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17  
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210  
November 10, 2020

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

Absent: Jan Knispel and Sue Weston.

President Lisa Chohon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Open Meetings Act posting 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. Renee Adkisson made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Roxie Lindquist seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel, Sue Weston and Duane Gudgel.
2. A motion to approve the absence of board members Jan Knispel, Sue Weston and Duane Gudgel was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel, Sue Weston and Duane Gudgel.
3. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 meeting. Renee Adkisson seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel, Sue Weston and Duane Gudgel.
4. Jean Pinney made a motion with a second from Roxie Lindquist to approve the October 31, 2020 financial statement with an ending balance of \$1,714,328.41. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel, Sue Weston and Duane Gudgel.
5. Duane Gudgel joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m.
6. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$315,939.86 was reviewed. Roxie Lindquist made a motion and Jean Pinney seconded to approve payment of bills and claims. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Sue Weston.
7. Stephanie Bernthal joined the meeting via zoom. Through the data dig process, the ESU 17 website was identified as needing an update. ESU 17 staff and member schools staff were surveyed for ideas and concerns. Stephanie, who redesigned the website, led us through a tour of the events, staff, board and student services pages.
8. Educators Health Alliance released the new BCBS rates beginning September 1, 2021 with an overall increase of 2.96%. EHA will offer two alternate network plans in the 2021-22 year to districts in certain areas of the state.
9. Geraldine will share information from the staff negotiation team with members of the board negotiation team.

10. The AESA Conference will be virtual on December 2-4. Jeff McQuistan and Geraldine will attend. If a board member would like to attend they may let Geraldine know and she will proceed with registration. A future speech language pathologist has been in contact with Geraldine for possible employment. Geraldine will attend ESUCC in Omaha next week.
11. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Renee Adkisson to approve payment of bills in December in the absence or delay of a meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Sue Weston.
12. A motion to allow bills to be paid in January 2021 in the absence or delay of a meeting was made by Duane Gudgel. Jean Pinney seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Sue Weston.
13. Roxie Lindquist made a motion with a second by Lisa Chohon to hold the next meeting on January 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via zoom. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Jan Knispel and Sue Weston.
14. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 a.m. by Roxie Lindquist.

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Secretary