

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
207 N. Main St. – Ainsworth, NE 69210
March 8, 2021

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

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. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Duane Gudgel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting was made by Duane Gudgel and seconded by Renee Adkisson. Roll call vote as follows: Duane Gudgel, Yes; Renee Adkisson, Yes; Jean Pinney, Abstain; Sue Weston, Yes; Jan Knispel, Yes; Jody Dexter, Yes; Lisa Chohon, Yes and Roxie Lindquist, Yes.
3. The financial statement ending February 28, 2021 with a balance of \$1,824,802.27 was presented. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve the financial statement with a second from Sue Weston. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$561,148.99 was reviewed. A motion was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Renee Adkisson to approve payment of bills and claims. Roll call vote was unanimous.
5. Sue Haskell was present to express her thanks to the board for the opportunities allowed her during her employment as a speech language pathologist at ESU 17. She stated when she was hired in 1983 that she traveled to numerous Class 1 schools in all four counties. Job responsibilities have transitioned to doing more consulting with teachers along with the articulation services with the students. She also said we serve more early childhood population now. Sue will be retiring at the end of the school year.
6. Geraldine commented that most ESU 17 staff will have had at least one COVID vaccination by the end of this week. She will be participating in external evaluations for Loup County and Cozad this month. In Nebraska legislature news, LB 529 could change provisions for the distribution of lottery funds used for education. Upon completion of the 2020 census, Nebraska will draft and enact new district maps. Geraldine has researched cost options as ESUs move forward in this process. ESU 17 has received an application from an interested speech/language pathologist and an interview has been scheduled. An ESU 17 member school district has indicated a need to contract for more speech service.
7. Board members agreed to discuss non-certificated salaries at a meeting when they have in-person attendance.

8. A motion to accept the resignation of Mike Danahy effective May 14, 2021 was made by Sue Weston. Jan Knispel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
9. Duane Gudgel made a motion with a second from Renee Adkisson to allow bills to be paid in April in the delay or absence of a meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous.
10. The next meeting will be held virtually on April 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
11. Roxie Lindquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Secretary