

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
BUDGET HEARING
207 N. Main St. Ainsworth, NE 69210
September 13, 2021

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1. The official budget hearing for the school year 21021-2022 was called to order by President Lisa Chohon at 5:00 p.m. The Open Meetings Act posting was acknowledged.
1. Roll call as follows: Jean Pinney, Duane Gudgel, Jody Dexter, Sue Weston, Lisa Chohon, Renee Adkisson, Jan Knispel all present. Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster were also present. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
2. Geraldine presented the proposed budget and county valuation information. Boyd and Keya Paha counties both saw a decrease in valuation. Total overall 2021 valuation increased by \$82,038,543.
3. President Lisa Chohon closed the budget hearing at 5:03 p.m.

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TAX REQUEST HEARING
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1. The official tax request hearing for the school year 2021-2022 was called to order by President Lisa Chohon at 5:04 p.m. The Open Meetings Act posting was acknowledged.
2. Roll call as follows: Jean Pinney, Duane Gudgel, Jody Dexter, Sue Weston, Lisa Chohon, Renee Adkisson, Jan Knispel all present. Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster were also present. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
3. The official ESU 17 tax request is \$460,998.08. This is an increase of \$8,877.13 from the 2020 tax request.
4. President Lisa Chohon closed the tax request hearing at 5:08 p.m.

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President Lisa Chohon called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.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. Roll call as follows: Jean Pinney, Duane Gudgel, Jody Dexter, Sue Weston, Lisa Chohon, Renee Adkisson, Jan Knispel all present. Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster were also present. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
2. Jody Dexter made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Sue Weston seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
3. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon and seconded by Jean Pinney to excuse the absence of board member Roxie Lindquist. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
4. Duane Gudgel made a motion with a second from Jan Knispel to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 and August 30, 2021 meetings. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
5. A motion to approve the financial statement ending August 31, 2021 with an ending balance of \$1,759,764.65 was made by Sue Weston. Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
6. The listing of bills and claims totaling \$370,228.06 was reviewed. Jody Dexter made a motion with a second from Duane Gudgel to approve payment of claims. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
7. The 2021-2022 budget document was presented with the addition of the school mental health grant that ESU 17 has recently been awarded.
8. Geraldine presented an idea of doing the ESU 17 Administrator Evaluation via a google form created by Stephanie Fling. Board members are in favor of this procedure.
9. The administrative report included the award notification of the \$100,000 school mental health grant for the next three years. ESU 17 has three staff members agreeing to share the responsibilities. School superintendent openings for 2022-23 are already being posted. Travis Electric has finished the installation of the new LED lights. ESU 17 will receive a rebate from NPPD. Geraldine facilitated an IEP meeting for the Gordon/Rushville School. Jeff McQuistan and Patty Finney will be attending the PDO meeting in LaVista. Geraldine, along with the school superintendents, met via zoom last week with representatives from the North Central Health District.

10. Duane Gudgel made a motion with a second from Renee Adkisson to approve the presented 2021-2022 budget. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
11. Jan Knispel made a motion to approve the resolution setting the 2021-2022 property tax request at \$460,998.08 (.013). Jody Dexter seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
12. A motion to approve the 2021-2022 ESU 17 Staff Handbook was made by Jody Dexter and seconded by Jean Pinney. Roll call vote was unanimous. Absent: Roxie Lindquist.
13. The next meeting will be held both in person at the ESU 17 administrative office and via zoom on October 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
14. Motion by Jean Pinney to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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