

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
BUDGET HEARING
207 N. Main St. Ainsworth, NE 69210
September 11 ,2023

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Present: Jody Dexter, Jan Knispel, Jean Pinney, Mark Ormesher, Gerry Carr, Lisa Chohon, Bruce Ferguson, Roxie Lindquist, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster

1. The official budget hearing for the school year 2023-2024 was called to order by President Roxie Lindquist at 12:00 p.m. The Open Meetings Act posting was acknowledged.
2. Geraldine shared that ESUCC will be adding additional staff resulting in the increase in proposed expenditures. She also shared information on the county valuations.
3. President Roxie Lindquist closed the budget hearing at 12:11 p.m.

Secretary

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 17
TAX REQUEST HEARING
207 N. Main St, Ainsworth, NE 69210
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Present: Jody Dexter, Jan Knispel, Jean Pinney, Mark Ormesher, Gerry Carr, Lisa Chohon, Bruce Ferguson, Roxie Lindquist, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster

1. The official tax request hearing for the school year 2023 – 2024 was called to order by President Roxie Lindquist 12:11 p.m. The Open Meetings Act posting was acknowledged.
2. The official ESU 17 tax request is \$598,030,09 with a tax rate of .015 per \$100 of assessed value.
3. President Roxie Lindquist closed the tax request hearing at 12:18 p.m.

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Present: Jody Dexter, Jan Knispel, Jean Pinney, Mark Ormesher, Gerry Carr, Lisa Chohon, Bruce Ferguson, Roxle Lindquist, Geraldine Erickson and Jan Foster

President Roxie Lindquist called the meeting to order at 12:44 p.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. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Bruce Ferguson to approve the agenda as printed. Roll call vote was unanimous.
2. A motion was made by Jan Knispel and seconded by Mark Ormesher to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting. Roll call vote was unanimously approved.
3. Jean Pinney made a motion to approve the August 31, 2023, financial report with an ending balance of \$1,749,177.96. Gerry Carr seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
4. The listing of bills and claims was reviewed. A motion was made by Lisa Chohon and seconded by Jody Dexter to approve payment of claims totaling \$427,219.11. Roll call vote was unanimous.
5. There were no further comments on the 2023-2024 budget.
6. Board members who attended the NASB membership meeting in Valentine on August 22nd participated in a session on evaluations and received valuable ideas. They stated they were impressed with the overall meeting presentation.
7. Superintendent evaluation forms will go out to board members prior to the October meeting and results will be compiled for their review. Geraldine attended the ESUCC meeting last week in Kearney. She will participate in a professional development curriculum-based professional learning event September 12th & 13th in Omaha. She shared information on teacher/education staff shortages and ESUCC Cooperative Purchasing sales and savings by ESU 17 member school districts.
8. Lisa Chohon made a motion with a second from Gerry Carr to approve the proposed 2023-2024 ESU 17 budget. Roll call vote was unanimous.

9. A motion to approve Resolution 2023-01 setting the property tax request at \$598,030.09 (.0015) was made by Mark Ormesher. Jan Knispel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
10. Jean Pinney made a motion and Gerry Carr seconded to approve the hire of Marit Kaiser as business manager. Roll call vote was unanimous.
11. A motion to approve Marit Kaiser as a signatory at Union Bank and Trust, NFIT, NLAf, Pathway Bank, Frontier Bank, Western NE Bank, Cornerstone Bank, Tri-County Bank, Homestead Bank and the addition of any institution where an approved CD may be purchased was made by Jody Dexter. Jan Knispel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.
12. The next meeting of the ESU 17 Board is scheduled for October 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the ESU 17 conference room.
13. Jean Pinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

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