

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2020**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:05 pm on December 10, 2020.

**Board members present:**

- ✓ Eric Malina
- ✓ Dale Kahla
- ✓ Sandy Blankenship
- x Chuck Evans
- x Jan Myers
- ✓ Carla Schwahn
- ✓ Larry Starr

ESU #6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, April Kelley, Nichole Hall, Vicki Taylor, Jamen Hall, Mary Phillips

Sydney Bristol read the public meeting compliance statement and pointed out the posted location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act. An advance notice of this meeting was sent to each of the area newspapers and Lincoln Journal Star for publication.

**Item 6-8: Board Minutes, Bills & Financial Summary Approval (Consent Agenda):**

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Dale Kahla to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 regular meeting, December bills and Financial Report. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Sandy Blankenship	✓			
Chuck Evans				✓
Dale Kahla	✓			
Jan Myers				✓
Carla Schwahn	✓			
Larry Starr	✓			
Eric Malina	✓			

**Item 9: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, gave commendations to the ESU 6 Leadership Team. John is also an invited speaker for the AASA and Gen Youth Healthier School Communities 2020 Virtual Forum. Dr. Malina congratulated Dr. Skretta on his 20 year NASA distinguished service award.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the interviews for Professional Development Executive Assistant and also the Director of Student Services.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. She discussed the new Professional Development Executive Assistant, Erica Pallas. She also discussed a new question during their check ins with teachers. She further highlighted her team meetings / team building.
- D. Mary Phillips, Director of Student Services, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the ESU 6 Giving Tree and the new Director of Student Services, Michele Rayburn.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. He discussed the technology infrastructure replacement that will take place early next year, a DDOS attack in Grand Island, and the LAN Managers meeting onsite next week.

**Item 10: Commendations**

Dr. Skretta commended Dr. Eric Malina on his appointment by the Governor to the Professional Practices Commission. He also commended Dr. Amber Vlasnik on earning her doctorate. And finally, Mary Phillips, Student Services, was reappointed by Governor Ricketts to the Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council.

**Item 11: Second Reading of Section 5 of ESU Policies: Equity and Legal Compliance**

Discussion was held, and the policies will come back for a third reading in January. No action was taken at this time.

**Item 12: Negotiated Settlement with the ESU No 6 Education Association for the 2021-2022 school year**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Carla Schwahn to approve the agreement for a 4% total package increase as presented by the Negotiations Committee. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Sandy Blankenship	✓			
Chuck Evans				✓
Dale Kahla	✓			
Jan Myers				✓

Carla Schwahn	✓			
Larry Starr				✓
Eric Malina	✓			

**Item 13: Acceptance of Audit report for FY2020**

Discussion related to the FY2020 Audit report was held. No action was necessary.

**Item 14: Legal Update: NEOC Determination**

An update on the NEOC determination was provided. The Commission determination was a dismissal of the claim. No action was taken.

**Item 15: Personnel**

- A. Accept resignation of Marissa Pfile, Project SEARCH Skills Trainer
- B. Approve work agreement for Erica Pallas, Professional Development Executive Assistant at 1.0 FTE beginning December 21, 2020
- C. Approve work agreement for Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services at 1.0 FTE beginning July 1st, 2021.

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the personnel items. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Sandy Blankenship	✓			
Chuck Evans				✓
Dale Kahla	✓			
Jan Myers				✓
Carla Schwahn	✓			
Larry Starr	✓			
Eric Malina	✓			

**Item 16: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates**

Dr. John Skretta, Administrator provided updates on the listed organizations as outlined on the agenda. He also commended Elisa Taylor, Production Department, on her work in creating an ESUCC-NRCSA press release.

**Item 17: Adjourn**

Board President, Eric Malina, adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Malina, Board President

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Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

*\*The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors is scheduled for 6:00 pm on January 14, 2021.\**