

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes
February 11th, 2021**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:01pm on February 11th, 2021.

Board members present:

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

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

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 newspapers in the unit area and the Lincoln Journal Star for publication.

Item 5: Invited Special Report: Shannon Vogler, Cognia

Shannon Vogler presented on the accreditation process and ESU 6’s external team visit this past fall.

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

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Chuck Evans to approve the minutes from the January meeting, February bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Jan Myers	✓			
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Item 10: Information Items -

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, discussed his written report, highlighting the ESSER II allocations and providing legislative updates. He also thanked Mary Phillips, Student Services Director, and Michele Rayburn, Student Services Supervisor, for testifying in front of the Education Committee this past week.
 - a. Sandy Blankenship provided a report on the Legislative Issues Conference.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, discussed her written report. She highlighted the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that is available to ESU 6 employees.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, discussed her written report. She discussed her team’s continued work on their strategic plan.
- D. Mary Phillips, Director of Student Services, discussed her written report. She highlighted Kris Sunken’s, Services Coordinator, retirement.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, discussed his written report. He discussed how a frozen water line broke in one of our districts and showed appreciation for how quickly his team worked quickly to help.

Item 11: Commendations

Dr. Skretta commended Cara Small, Early Learning Connection Coordinator, on her reappointment by the Governor to the Board of ECEE (Sixpence Trustees). He also commended Dr. Lynne Herr, Professional Development Technology Consultant, on her recently published article in a NETA newsletter.

Item 12: Board Retreat

The ESU 6 Board of Directors retreat will be on March 19th, 2020 beginning at 11:30am. Location TBD.

- A. Board of Directors Self Assessment -** Sydney Bristol will send the self-assessment electronically to the Board members to be completed before the Board Retreat.

It was moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Jan Myers to move the March Board meeting to March 18th in conjunction with the annual Board retreat. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Chuck Evans	✓			
Dale Kahla	✓			
Eric Malina	✓			
Larry Starr	✓			

Carla Schwahn	✓			
Sandy Blankenship	✓			
Jan Myers	✓			

Item 13: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, and ESUCC Updates

Dr. Skretta provided updates on the listed organizations.

Item 14: Personnel

A. Resignation - Kris Sunken, Early Childhood Services Coordinator, retirement effective April 30th, 2021

It was moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to accept the resignation Kris Sunken, with regrets. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

B. Evaluation of Administrator

The Administrator's evaluation was completed and presented to him. No action was taken.

Item 15: Excuse absence of Board Member, Larry Starr, from the January 14th, 2021 regular meeting

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Chuck Evans to excuse the absence of Larry Starr from the January 14th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Chuck Evans	✓			
Dale Kahla	✓			

Eric Malina	✓			
Larry Starr			✓	
Carla Schwahn	✓			
Sandy Blankenship	✓			
Jan Myers	✓			

Item 21: Adjourn

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Malina, Board President

Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary