

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
January 14th, 2021**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the organizational meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:18pm on January 14th, 2021.

**Board members present:**

- ✓ Jan Myers
- ✓ Chuck Evans
- ✓ Bruce Dickinson
- ✓ Sandy Blankenship
- ☒ Larry Starr (absent)
- ✓ Dale Kahla
- ✓ Eric Malina

ESU #6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Mary Phillips, April Kelley, Vicki Taylor, Jamen Hall, Nichole Hall, 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 area newspapers and Lincoln Journal Star for publication.

**Item 4: Board Organizational Meeting**

The annual organizational meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit 6 was called to order by President Eric Malina at 6:20pm on January 14th, 2021. The chair of President was immediately yielded to ESU 6 Administrator, Dr. John Skretta.

A. Discussion was held about the certified results from the NE Secretary of State. No action taken.

**B. Nomination and Election of Board Officers**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Chuck Evans to nominate and cast a unanimous vote for the current officers to remain in office and also to appoint Vicki Taylor, ESU 6 Director of Business Services, as Treasurer. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

Larry Starr				✓
Eric Malina	✓			

C. Consider, discuss, take action on legal council, board committees, depository bank, and newspaper of record.

No action necessary.

**Item 5: Adjourn Organizational Meeting (resume regular meeting)**

President Eric Malina adjourned the annual organizational meeting and resumed the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 at 6:29pm.

**Item 7: Board Minutes, Bills & Financial Summary Approval (Consent Agenda):**

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Jan Myers to approve the minutes from the December regular meeting, January bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

**Item 11: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, discussed his written report, highlighting the weekly meetings he hosts with the area Superintendents and a new Leadership Pipeline he has been involved in forming with post-secondary partners.
- B. Nichole Hall, Human Resources Director, highlighted the ESU 6 Sub Consortium and also the upcoming preventative care clinic.
- C. April Kelley, Professional Development Director, highlighted the new mission and vision statement her team developed. She also introduced the new Professional Development Executive Assistant, Erica Pallas.

- D. Mary Phillips, Director of Student Services, discussed their new referral process over extended breaks, and highlighted the Sixpence Diaper Drive.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, discussed the replacement of the technology infrastructure.

**Item 12: Administrator Evaluation**

Nichole Hall provided an update on the Administrator Evaluation process.

**Item 13: Third reading and adoption of Section 5 of ESU Policies: Equity and Legal Compliance**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to adopt Section 5 of ESU Policies: Equity and Legal Compliance. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

**Item 14: Approval of Participation in the NJUMP Interlocal**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Chuck Evans to extend ESU 6's participation in the NJUMP interlocal agreement for the purchase of natural gas. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

Larry Starr				✓
Eric Malina	✓			

**Item 15: Authorize service agreement proposal for cleaning / custodial services by Campbell Cleaning**

It was moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to accept the proposal from Campbell's Cleaning for cleaning / custodial services. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

**Item 16: Authorize Extension of FFCRA leave benefit**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Carla Schwahn to authorize the extension of FFCRA benefits through March 31, 2021. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

**Item 21: Excuse Absence of Board Members**

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Carla Schwahn to excuse the absences of Jan Myers and Chuck Evans from the December 10th, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0-1-1.

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

**22: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, and ESUCC Updates**

Dr. Skretta provided updates on the member organizations.

**19: Adjourn**

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:40 P.M.

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 will occur on Thursday, February 11th at 6PM at ESU 6 Milford.*