

ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes January 13th, 2022

Eric Malina, Board President, called the organizational meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:01pm on January 13th, 2022.

Board members present:

- ☒ Jan Myers (absent)
- ✓ Chuck Evans
- ✓ Carla Schwahn (via Zoom)
- ✓ Sandy Blankenship (via Zoom)
- ✓ Larry Starr (via Zoom)
- ✓ Dale Kahla (via Zoom)
- ✓ Eric Malina

ESU #6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Sydney Bristol
ESU #6 Staff Present via Zoom: Dr. Michele Rayburn, Nichole Hall

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 6:05pm on January 13th, 2022. The chair of President was immediately yielded to ESU 6 Administrator, Dr. John Skretta to preside over the meeting as called for in Policy.

A. Nomination and Election of Board Officers

Election of Board President -

It was moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Larry Starr to nominate Eric Malina for Board President. It was then moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Dale Kahla to cease nominations for Board President. Eric Malina was elected Board President by voice vote - 6 in favor, 1 absent. Upon being elected the new President, Eric Malina chaired the remainder of the organizational meeting as called for in Policy.

Election of Board Vice-President

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Carla Schwahn to nominate Dale Kahla for Board Vice-President. It was then moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Larry Starr to cease nominations for Board Vice-President. Dale Kahla was elected Board Vice-President by voice vote - 6 in favor, 1 absent.

Election of Board Secretary

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Larry Starr to nominate Sandy Blankenship for Board Secretary. It was then moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Dale Kahla to cease nominations for Board Secretary. Sandy Blankenship was elected Board Secretary by voice vote - 6 in favor, 1 absent.

Employment of Board Treasurer

It was moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Dale Kahla to employ Vicki Taylor as Board Treasurer. It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Chuck Evans to cease nominations. Vicki Taylor was employed as Board Treasurer by voice vote - 6 in favor, 1 absent.

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

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Larry Starr to maintain the current ESU 6 legal council, board committees, depository bank, and newspaper of record. 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 5: Adjourn Organizational Meeting (resume regular meeting)

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Chuck Evans to adjourn the annual organizational meeting and resume the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 at 6:12pm.

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

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

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

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship 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: Request for motion to go into closed session due to litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Chuck Evans to enter closed session due to litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim. 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	✓			

Discussion was held related to the claim, but no action was taken.

Request for motion to exit closed session and resume regular meeting

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to exit closed session and resume the regular meeting. 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 12: Information Items -

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, discussed his written report, providing an update on COVID, the LEAD NE initiative, and noting the Governor’s appointment of a new State Board of Education member, Kirk Penner.
- B. Nichole Hall, Human Resources Director, submitted a written report.
- C. April Kelley, Professional Development Director, submitted a written report but was unable to be present.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted a written report and highlighted a VR (Vocational Rehabilitation) grant that would provide additional summer offerings for our transition program students.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted a written report but was unable to be present.

Item 13: Administrator Evaluation

Nichole Hall provided an update on the annual Administrator Evaluation process.

Item 14: Redistricting final files -

UNO has completed the process and ESU 6 submitted the maps to county clerks and Secretary of State office. The new election districts are in effect as of 1-1-2022, and 2022 elections will be based on the newly determined Board districts.

Item 15: Strategic Planning Mission, Vision, and Goal Statements

The Board reviewed the draft goals and President Malina and Administrator Dr. Skretta reviewed the Strategic Planning process. The final draft will be submitted for Board approval at the February meeting.

Item 16: IRS Mileage Rate increased to 58.5 cents per mile on January 1st

Director of Business Services Vicki Taylor apprised the Board of the new mileage rate.

Carla Schwahn left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Item 17: Approval of Participation in the NJUMP Interlocal

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Larry Starr to extend ESU 6’s participation in the NJUMP interlocal agreement for the purchase of natural gas. 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 18: Excuse Absence of Board Member

It was moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to excuse the absence of Carla Schwahn from the December 6th, 2021 regular meeting. 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 19: Personnel

A. Accept resignation of Anna Hiser, CRAVE Skills Trainer, 1.0 FTE

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to accept the resignation of Anna Hiser, CRAVE Skills Trainer, 1.0 FTE. 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	✓			

20: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, and ESUCC Updates

Dr. Skretta provided updates on the member organizations.

21: Adjourn

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Malina, Board President

Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Thursday, February 10th at 6PM at ESU 6 Milford.