

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
June 10th, 2021**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:06pm on June 10th, 2021.

**Board members present:**

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

ESU #6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Sydney Bristol

Guest Present: Ryan Foor - Nebraska Department of Education

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

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

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

**Item 9: Information Items -**

*No formal written reports from Directors in June.*

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, and Vicki Taylor, Director of Business Services provided a Core Services update. Dr. Skretta also submitted a written report.

**Item 10: Information Item - Commendations**

Dr. John Skretta commended his team on different accomplishments as outlined on the agenda. Congratulations were extended to Mary Phillips for her recognition by ARC of Nebraska as a Board member of the Week. Commendations were extended to Michalla Schartz and the CRAVE program (Milford SCC-based transition program).

**Item 11: Information Item - Legal Updates**

Dr. John Skretta provided a legal update as outlined on the agenda, focusing on LB83 revisions to the Open Meetings Act.

It was discussed to have the Board Policy Committee look at incorporating Perry Law Firm’s policy updates into the ESU 6 policies.

**Item 12: Action Item: Authorization of Contract for Redistricting Services**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to authorize the contract from UNO (Office of Public Policy Research) for redistricting services. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

**Item 13: Action Item: Authorization of HVAC Service Agreement**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Carla Schwahn to authorize the HVAC service agreement with TRANE. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

**Item 14: Strategic Planning Process Update**

Dr. John Skretta provided an update on the Strategic Planning process, as outlined on the agenda. In July, the Board will confirm dates for the two two-hour meetings for planning and goal development that will be facilitated by NRCSA representatives Robin Stevens and Rob Hanger.

**Item 15: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, and ESUCC Updates**

Dr. Skretta provided updates on the listed organizations. NASB sponsored the annual school leadership and law conference in Kearney on June 3 and Dr. Skretta provided summary information on that event.

**Item 16: Personnel**

- A. Approve contract: Kara Coble - ASD Behavior Specialist, 1.0 FTE**
- B. Approve work agreement: Loree Woods - Student Services Executive Assistant, 1.0 FTE**
- C. Approve work agreement: Anna Hiser - CRAVE Skills Trainer, 1.0 FTE**
- D. Approve work agreement: Catherine Patterson - Project SEARCH Skills Trainer, 1.0 FTE**
- E. Extended Contracts for Special Education Continuous Services**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to approve the contract for Kara Coble, the work agreements for Loree Woods, Anna Hiser, and Catherine Patterson, and approve the ESY contracts for Special Education Continuous Services. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

| Board Member | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|--------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Chuck Evans  | ✓   |         |         |        |
| Dale Kahla   | ✓   |         |         |        |
| Eric Malina  | ✓   |         |         |        |

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| Larry Starr       |   |  |  | ✓ |
| Carla Schwahn     | ✓ |  |  |   |
| Sandy Blankenship | ✓ |  |  |   |
| Jan Myers         | ✓ |  |  |   |

**Item 14: Adjourn**

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:31 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 is scheduled for July 15th, 2021 at 6:30pm at the ESU 6 Milford Office.\**