

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
May 19th, 2020**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:09pm on May 19th, 2020.

**Board members present:**

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

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

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 5: Closed / Executive Session**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to recess the regular meeting and enter closed session at 6:13PM. 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	✓			

Discussion was held with respect to a personnel matter and related to a claim or threat of litigation to the public body.

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to leave closed session and reconvene the regular meeting at 6:30PM. 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	✓			

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

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Dale Kahla to approve the minutes from the April meeting, May bills and Financial Summary. 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	✓			

**Item 10: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, discussed different meetings he has been hosting with the ESU 6 districts including weekly Superintendent meetings with local public health officials and school attorneys, and also remote office work provisions continuing for staff to manage office capacity consistent with Directed Health Measures effective June 1.

**Item 11: Human Resources Report** - Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted a written report.

**Item 12: Professional Development Report** - Dr. Toby Boss, Director of Professional Development, highlighted the Professional Development Educator Hub and the deepSix Blues podcast that Matt Heusman, PD Consultant, has created.

**Item 13: Student Services Report** - Mary Phillips, Director of Student Services, highlighted the weekly Student Services Zoom meetings and how her staff has been serving students during the pandemic.

**Item 14: Technology Report** - Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, discussed districts’ requests for replacing technology infrastructure using erate funds.

**Item 15: Second Reading - Section 3 of ESU Policies: Services Operations**  
It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to adopt Section 3 of ESU Policies: Services Operations. 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	✓			

**Item 16: Renewal of TRANE Service Contract & TRANE Value Added Building Analytics**

It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Bruce Dickinson to renew the TRANE service contract and add TRANE Value Added Building Analytics. 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	✓			

**Item 17: Approval of Board Salary Committee Recommendations for Paraeducators and Central Office Staff**

Dale Kahla moved on behalf of the Board Salary Committee to accept the recommendations for salaries for paraeducators and central office staff as presented. 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	✓			

Chuck Evans had technology issues and was absent for this item.

**Item 18: Approval of ESUCC Master Services Agreement**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the ESUCC Master Services Agreement. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

Bruce Dickinson	✓			
Sandy Blankenship	✓			
Jan Myers	✓			

Chuck Evans rejoined the meeting via Zoom.

**Item 19: Personnel**

**i, ii, iii, iv: Approval of Work Agreement for Amber Vlasnick, Professional Development Consultant at 1.0 FTE; Approval of Contract for Heidi Farmer, MTSS Coach at .8 FTE; Approval of Contract for Odessa Ambrose, Teacher of Visually Impaired at .91 FTE; Approval of Contract for Rachel Weakland, Speech Language Pathologist at 1.0 FTE**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Dale Kahla to approve the work agreement for Amber Vlasnick, Professional Development Consultant, and to approve the contracts for Heidi Farmer, MTSS Coach; Odessa Ambrose, Teacher of Visually Impaired; and Rachel Weakland, Speech Language Pathologist. 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	✓			

**Item 20: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, ESUCC updates**

Dr. Skretta provided updates on the listed organizations, including NRCSA initiatives to help provide rural schools with guidance on graduation ceremonies and summer school programs.

**Item 21: Adjourn**

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:28 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 June 18th, 2020.\**