

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:00 pm on November 12, 2020.

Board members present:

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

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

Vicki Taylor 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 6-8: Board Minutes, Bills & Financial Summary Approval (Consent Agenda):

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020 Board Meeting, November bills and the November Financial Report. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Item 9: Information Items -

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, submitted and reviewed his written report. He highlighted the recent Cognia Accreditation Review and thanked the Board for their participation in that process. He also shared some of the ways that ESU 6 has been working in a facilitative and assistive fashion to our schools through coordinating and hosting events. These include a Senators Panel that was held via zoom attended by ESU 6 area Superintendents, Board Members and all 5 Senators serving the ESU 6 region, a zoom call with Local Health Agencies, Superintendents and Athletic Directors from districts in the ESU 5 & 6 regions, and weekly check-in meetings with our area Superintendents as they navigate the COVID19 Pandemic.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the Local Substitute Consortium and updated the Board on the hiring process for open positions in Student Services (Student Services Director) and Professional Development (PD Assistant).
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the work that their team has been doing to develop their strategic mission and vision statements.
- D. Mary Phillips, Director of Student Services, highlighted the growing numbers of referrals in our Early Childhood program, discussed the services being provided by the ESU 6 Sixpence team, SLPS, Psychologists, Psychotherapist, and Transition programs. She also shared successes of the work of Paul Kraus being highlighted in the Nebraska Public Schools Advantage Program publication and the participation of CRAVE students in our recent Cognia review.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted his written report.

Item 10: ESU 6 - Milford Office Calendar

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to approve the revised calendar with the April & July Board Meetings changed to April 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. and July 15, 2021 at 6:30. Motion Carried 6-0-1-0.

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

Item 11: Salary Committee Update

Dale Kahla updated the group on the status of Negotiations with the ESU 6 Teachers Association. The first Negotiations meeting was held prior to the Board meeting and the groups agreed in principle on a compensation package for the 2021-2022 school year which will be added to the December 2020 agenda for Board consideration.

Item 12: Annual Audit

Vicki Taylor, Director of Business Services gave an update on the Annual Audit process. Auditor Gary Riggs was on site the last week of October and the first week of November to begin the audit process. A formal report will be shared with the Board once it becomes available.

Item 13: First Reading of Section 5 of ESU Policies:

The first reading of Section 5 of ESU Policies on Equity and Legal Compliance was held.

Item 14: Excuse Absence of Board Member

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Dale Kahla to excuse the absence of Board Member Larry Starr from the October 15th, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.

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

Item 15: Personnel

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to approve a work agreement for Project SEARCH Skills Trainer, Amanda Hinds at 1.0 FTE and to accept the resignation of Tammy Williams, Professional Development Administrative Assistant, effective January 4, 2021. Motion carried 6-0-0-0.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Sandy Blankenship	✓			

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

Item 16: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC updates

Sandy Blankenship reviewed a handout from NASB outlining proposed changes to Standing Positions to be voted on at the Delegate Assembly being held next week. Sandy will serve as the Delegate for ESU 6.

Item 17: Adjourn

Board President, Eric Malina, adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Malina, Board President

Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

**The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Thursday, December 10, 2020.*