

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
November 15th, 2021**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:22pm on November 15th, 2021.

**Board members present:**

- ✓ Jan Myers
- ✓ Chuck Evans
- ✓ Carla Schwahn (arrived at 6:29pm)
- ✓ Sandy Blankenship
- ✓ Larry Starr
- ✓ Dale Kahla
- ✓ Eric Malina

ESU #6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Nichole Hall, April Kelley, Dr. Michele Rayburn, Jamen Hall, Sydney Bristol

Invited Guest Presenter: Dr. Josie Schafer, UNO (Zoom)

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 Dale Kahla to approve the minutes from the October regular meeting, the October Strategic Planning session, November bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

**Item 9: Presentation, consideration and discussion of recommended ESU Board election district redistricting maps. (UNO Office of Public Policy Research invited presentation)**

Dr. Josie Schafer, UNO, presented the revised ESU 6 election district redistricting maps to the Board.

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to approve the district maps as presented. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

**Item 10: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, submitted and reviewed his written report. Dr. Skretta highlighted the ESU 6 Future Educators’ Day article that was recently published and his upcoming State Education Conference presentation with Dr. Larianne Polk.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the ESU 6 staff earning the Elevate award for another year.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted Erica Pallas, PD Administrative Assistant, earning the Milford Distinguished Service Award for her work in the community.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted and reviewed her written report. She discussed the increasing Child Find numbers in the ESU 6 service area.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. He highlighted his Technology team attending the Malcolm Public Schools Career Day.

**Item 11: Annual Report:** The ESU 6 Annual Report has been published, completed and submitted to NDE and member districts in compliance with Rule 84 requirements.

**Item 12: Strategic Plan progress updates**

The outcomes of the second Strategic Planning meeting were discussed as outlined on the agenda.

**Item 13: Request for Recognition of ESU 6 Education Association -**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to recognize the ESU 6 Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for speech pathologists, TYKE teachers, and SUCCESS teachers for the 2023-2024 contract year. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

**Item 14: Second reading and adoption of legal update policy: Series 2 (Board meetings); Section 8 (Board member attendance)**

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Jan Myers to adopt the legal update policy: series 2 (Board meetings); Section 8 (Board member attendance). Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

**Item 15: Excuse Absence of Board Members Chuck Evans and Sandy Blankenship from the October 14, 2021 regular meeting.**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Larry Starr to excuse the absences of Chuck Evans and Sandy Blankenship from the October 14, 2021 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0-2-0.

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

**Item 16: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, and ESUCC Updates**

Updates were provided on the listed organizations via their published member updates.

**Item 17: Request moving ESU 6 Board meeting for December from Thursday December 9 at ESU 6 to Monday, December, 6 at 5 pm at York**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to move the December ESU 6 Board meeting to Monday, December 6, at 5pm at York. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

**Item 18: Adjourn**

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Malina, Board President

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Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

*\*The next regular meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 5:00pm at Chances 'R in York, NE.*