

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2020**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:38 pm on October 15, 2020.

**Board members present:**

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

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

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 Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2020 Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting, October bills and Financial Report, including the Audit Engagement Letter and the Audit Letter of Communication with Those Charged with Governance. 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 9: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, updated the Board on the upcoming Cognia Accreditation Visit. He also shared the following commendations: ESU 6 was a 3rd year recipient of the Governor’s Wellness Award. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources was invited to speak about our program at the Governor’s press conference. Vicki Taylor, Director of Business was recently appointed to the NJUMP Board of Trustees. The NJUMP Board will meet in November at the State Education Conference. Rosie Lawver, Accounting Manager has been serving our districts this month with on-site assistance on their Special Education Final Financial Reports, a service that has proven to be highly appreciated by our districts.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the Governor’s Wellness award. She also reported that she was able to participate as an interviewer for mock interviews with Students at Norris Public Schools.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the work that they have been doing to help schools with the new and varied Professional Development needs and challenges they are facing during the COVID19 Pandemic.
- D. Mary Phillips, Director of Student Services, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted that there had been a downward trend over the past few months on identifying children with disabilities, but this month, they have already received 11 referrals. She also shared the following commendations: Molly Nicolaus, Occupational Therapist, Linda Hennessey, Speech Language Pathologist, and Kaela Lockhart, SUCCESS Teacher, have all been appointed to the Assistive Technology Cadre.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. He discussed the completion of new WAN contracts. He also highlighted a new Confluence project which will help improve Districts’ ability to document their IT processes.

**Item 10: Recognition of ESU 6 Education Association**

- A. It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Chuck Evans to recognize the ESU 6 Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for Speech Pathologists, TYKE Teachers, and SUCCESS Teachers for the 2022-2023 contract year. 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	✓			

Eric Malina appointed Dale Kahla, Larry Starr, and Jan Myers to the Board Salary Committee.

**Item 11: Second reading and adoption of ESU Policies Section 4: Personnel**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to hold the second reading and adopt ESU Policies Section 4: Personnel. 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: Second reading and adoption of ESU Title IX policy update**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Carla Schwahn to hold the second reading and adopt the ESU Title IX policy update. 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 13: Select Voting Delegate for the NASB Delegate Assembly**

President Eric Malina appointed Sandy Blankenship as the ESU 6 2020-2021 NASB Voting Delegate.

**Item 14: Retirement**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Chuck Evans to accept the resignation of Mary Phillips, Director of Student Services, with regret effective June 30, 2021. 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 15: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates**

Dr. John Skretta, Administrator provided updates on the listed organizations as outlined on the agenda.

**Item 16: Excuse Absence of Board Member, Chuck Evans**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to excuse the absence of Chuck Evans from the September 17, 2020 regular Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried 5-0-1-1.

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

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

Board Meeting Date Change: President Eric Malina reviewed survey results and it was determined that the Board will move meetings for the 2020-2021 school year to the 2nd Thursday of each month.

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Carla Schwahn to change the 2020-2021 ESU 6 Calendar to move Board Meetings to the second Thursday of each month beginning with the November 2020 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 17: Adjourn**

Board President, Eric Malina, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

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 6:00 pm on November 12, 2020.\**