

**ESU 6 Budget Hearing Minutes  
September 17th, 2020**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the budget hearing of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:02pm on September 17th, 2020.

**Board members present:**

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

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

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 for publication.

**Item 4: Public Comment period**

Board President Eric Malina convened the public comment period. There were no speakers present for public comment.

**Item 5: Budget Presentation and Hearing**

Vicki Taylor, Director of Business Services, presented the 2020-2021 ESU 6 proposed budget to the Board. No action was taken at this time.

**Item 6: Adjourn**

Board President, Eric Malina, adjourned the meeting at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Malina, Board President

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Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
September 17th, 2020**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:14pm on September 17th, 2020.

**Board members present:**

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

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

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 3: Oath of Office**

Carla Schwahn took the Oath of Office as the newly appointed board member for District 6.

**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 August meeting, September bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

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| Eric Malina | ✓ |  |  |  |
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**Item 10: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, thanked Carla Schwahn for her willingness to serve on the ESU 6 Board of Directors. He highlighted the annual superintendent visits he has convened with our school districts.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the new substitute teacher program (local sub consortium).
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the PD Focus flyer which is a hub of training offerings for the ESU 6 districts. Offerings include in-person, remote, on-site, and asynchronous.
- D. Mary Phillips, Director of Student Services, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted that the Early Development Network met all their state targets, which is a big celebration in early childhood.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. He discussed a power outage, and thanked his staff for their work in keeping the servers running through it with the use of the backup generator.

**Item 11: Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request**

- A. It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to recess the regular meeting and convene the Special Hearing to set the final tax request at 7:06PM. 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       | ✓   |         |         |        |

- B. A Special Hearing to set the final tax request was conducted. No action was taken at this time.

C. It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to adjourn the Special Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:09PM. 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: Budget**

A. Approve the 2020-2021 ESU 6 Operating Budget

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the 2020-2021 ESU 6 Operating Budget. 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       | ✓   |         |         |        |

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2021: Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to adopt Resolution No. 2021 as presented. 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: First Reading of Title IX Legal Policy**

A first reading of Title IX legal policy was conducted. No action was taken at this time.

**Item 14: First Reading of Section 4 of ESU Policies: Personnel**

A first reading of Section 4 of ESU Policies: Personnel was conducted. No action was taken at this time.

**Item 15: NEOC Filing Update**

An update was provided to the Board members related to the NEOC filing. No action was taken at this time.

**Item 16: Consideration of Board Representative Attendance at AESA National Conference**

Board members will contact Sydney Bristol if they would like to attend AESA National Conference. It is being conducted as a virtual conference.

**Item 17: Consideration of Board Representative Attendance at State Education Conference**

Board members will contact Sydney Bristol if they would like to attend NASB State Education Conference. The State Education conference will have limited in-person attendance and also a remote option.

**Item 18: Excuse Absence of Board Member, Jan Myers**

It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to excuse the absence of Jan Myers from the August 20th, 2020 regular Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried 5-0-1-1.

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

**Item 19: Personnel**

- A. Approve work agreement for Haley Higby, SUCCESS Paraeducator, 1.0 FTE
- B. Approve work agreement for Laura Karina Lauber, SUCCESS Paraeducator, 1.0 FTE

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Dale Kahla to approve the work agreements for Haley Higby and Laura Karina Lauber. 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 20: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, ESUCC updates**

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

**Item 21: Adjourn**

Board President, Eric Malina, adjourned the meeting at 7:51 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 October 15th, 2020.\**