

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
October 14th, 2021**

Dr. Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:06 p.m. on October 14th, 2021.

**Board members present:**

- x Chuck Evans
- ✓ Jan Myers
- ✓ Carla Schwahn
- ✓ Eric Malina
- ✓ Larry Starr
- ✓ Dale Kahla
- x Sandy Blankenship (attended via zoom)

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

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 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 Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to approve the minutes of the 9/16/2021 regular meeting, 9/16/2021 Budget Hearing, 9/23/2021 Strategic Planning Session, October 2021 Bills & Financial Report. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 9: Information Items**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, submitted and reviewed his written report. Dr. Skretta highlighted recent visits with Superintendents and a recent opportunity to present information about ESU 6 Technology Services with Jamen Hall, Technology Director at the York Public School Board Meeting. He also updated that he will attend the national AESA Conference in December along with Jan Myers and Chuck Evans. Currently, ESUs 1, 3, 7 and 9 have Board Members and/or Administration also registered to attend.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted a written report.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report, highlighting that their department is seeing an increase in requests for in-person training.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted a written report.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report, highlighting the submission of an RFP for connectivity for ESU 4 & 6 school districts (DVLG) and updates regarding cybersecurity and insurance coverage through ALICAP.

**Item 10: Excuse Absence of Board Members Eric Malina and Jan Myers**

It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Carla Schwahn to excuse the absences of Eric Malina and Jan Myers from the September 16, 2021 Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing. Motion carried 3-0-2-2.

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

**Item 11: First Reading and Review of Legal Update Policy Series 2 (Board Meetings), Section 8 (Board Member Attendance)**

The current policy was revised as per LB83, changing the phrases “telephonic or videoconferencing” to “virtual conferencing”. Discussion and the first reading was held.

**Item 12: Redistricting Report Update**

Dr. Skretta shared that a member of the Redistricting team from UNO will address the Board to discuss redistricting recommendations at the November 15th Board Meeting.

**Item 13: Strategic Planning Update**

The first meeting was held on September 23rd. Board President Malina and Dr. Skretta met with the NRCSA facilitators on October 4th as follow-up to the first meeting. Themes identified from the first meeting were Advocating, Collaborating, and Communicating. The second meeting will be held from 6-8 on Monday, October 18th and will be used to generate goals related to these themes.

**Item 14: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC updates**

Dr. Skretta reviewed recent updates and announcements from the listed organizations.

**Item 15: Adjourn**

Dr. Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Eric Malina, Board President

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Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

*\*The Board of Educational Service Unit 6 will hold a special meeting for the purpose of convening a work session on strategic planning on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00pm.*

*\*The next regular meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Monday, November 15th at 6:00pm.*