

**ESU 6 Board Budget Hearing Minutes  
September 16th, 2021**

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, called the budget hearing of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:00pm on September 16th, 2021.

**Board members present:**

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

ESU #6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Nichole Hall, Michele Rayburn, 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 newspapers in the unit area for publication.

**Item 5: Budget Presentation and Hearing**

Vicki Taylor, Director of Business Services, presented the 2021-2022 ESU 6 proposed budget to the Board. No action was taken at this time.

**Item 6: Adjourn**

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, adjourned the budget hearing of the ESU 6 Board of Directors at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dale Kahla, Board Vice President

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Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
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Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:10pm on September 16th, 2021.

**Board members present:**

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

ESU #6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Nichole Hall, Michele Rayburn, 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 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 Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the minutes from the August meeting, September bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 4-0-0-3.

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 meeting between Senator Day's office and Dr. Skretta, Dr. Rayburn, and others to discuss mental health needs in education as a part of an interim study. Sandy Blankenship provided a report from the NASB Area Membership meeting that she attended with Dr. Skretta.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted a written report but was unable to be present.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted and reviewed her written report. This included two new opportunities in the Student Services department: a mental health grant to offer supports to ESU 6 districts and a partnership with UNL, DHHS, and NDE to study the effectiveness of coaching and early intervention.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, provided an update on recent events in the Technology department. Jamen provided updates regarding cybersecurity and insurance coverage as well as recent school network security issues.

Carla Schwahn arrived at 6:29pm

### **Item 10: Commendations -**

- A. Dr. Skretta shared an email received about Nichole Wetjen and how appreciative York Schools is for her leadership working in the Project SEARCH program.
- B. Sandy Blankenship was commended for receiving the NASB Level V Service award for board member development.

### **Item 11: Information Item - Redistricting**

#### **a. Update from UNO Public Policy Research Office on process / timeline**

Dr. John Skretta provided an update from the UNO Public Policy Research Office. Boundary lines for election districts must be set by December 30th.

### **Item 12: Information Item - Strategic Planning**

#### **a. Meetings are 6-8pm September 23 and October 18**

#### **b. Preview process of NRCSA facilitators**

The facilitators from NRCSA have been contacting Board members to have initial conversations before the first planning meeting. They will also meet with Dr. Skretta ahead of the first meeting next week.

### **Item 13: Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request**

- a. It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Chuck Evans to recess the regular meeting and convene the Special Hearing to set the final tax request at 7:02PM. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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 Chuck Evans and seconded by Larry Starr to adjourn the Special Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:03PM. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 14: Budget**

- a. Approve the 2021-2022 ESU 6 Operating Budget  
It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the 2021-2022 ESU 6 Operating Budget. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Sandy Blankenship	✓			

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

b. Adopt Resolution No. 2022: Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request  
 It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Larry Starr to adopt Resolution No. 2022 as presented. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 15: Action Item** - Accept a proposal from Dana F. Cole for Annual Audit Services

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Carla Schwahn to accept the proposal from Dana F. Cole for the ESU 6 annual audit. 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 16: Consideration of Board Representative Attendance at the State Education Conference.**

The NASB State Education conference is scheduled for November 17 - 19th at CHI Health Center in Omaha. Board members are to let Sydney Bristol know if they would like to attend.

**Item 17: Personnel**

**A. Approve work agreement: Becky Prochaska, CRAVE Skills Trainer, .8 FTE**

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the work agreement for Becky Prochaska, CRAVE Skills Trainer at .8 FTE. 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 18: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, and ESUCC Updates**

Updates were provided on the listed organizations.

**Item 19: Adjourn**

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dale Kahla, Board Vice President

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 Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:00pm.*

*\*The next regular meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:00pm.*