

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes
March 9th, 2023**

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:03pm on March 9th, 2023.

Board members present:

- ✓ Jan Myers
- x Chuck Evans
- ✓ Carla Schwahn (Zoom)
- x Sandy Blankenship (joined via Zoom at 6:16pm)
- ✓ Larry Starr
- ✓ Dale Kahla
- x Eric Malina

ESU 6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Nichole Hall, Jamen Hall, Sydney Bristol, & April Kelley (via Zoom)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 posted.

Items 7 - 9: Board Minutes, Bills & Financial Summary Approval (Consent Agenda):

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the minutes from the 2/9/2023 regular meeting, March 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 10: Information Items -

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, submitted and reviewed his written report. Dr. Skretta highlighted recent opportunities to engage with Senators. He discussed legislative bills that will affect ESUs. LB48 would appropriate money to the State Department of Education for ESUs and LB516 would provide grants to ESUs to hire school psychologists and licensed mental health practitioners.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. ESU 6 currently has a NeMTSS Regional Lead job opening. She also recently attended the Educators Health Alliance spring training and reviewed this event.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted the new PD Consultant, Amy Davis, who currently teaches in York Public Schools. Amy will work in PD specializing in the areas of Science and Social Studies. April also reported that last month, all 16 ESU 6 districts attended trainings onsite, and 11 out of 16 districts requested the PD team provide training in their districts.

Sandy Blankenship joined the meeting via Zoom at 6:16pm.

- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted her written report but was unable to be present.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. He discussed the WAN migration, and also the possibility of a summer internship opportunity in the Technology Department.

Item 11: Board member Jan Myers will provide a summary of the February 27 NASB Legislative Luncheon in Ohio featuring Senator Tom Brandt.

Jan Myers, Board member, provided a verbal summary of the luncheon with Senator Tom Brandt which she attended with Administrator Dr. Skretta.

Item 12: Legal Updates - Closed Session

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to enter closed session to address pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body at 6:36pm. 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	✓			

It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Jan Myers to exit closed session at 7:10pm. 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 13: Excuse Absence of Board Members Eric Malina and Sandy Blankenship from the February 9, 2023 regular meeting

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to excuse the absences of Board members Eric Malina and Sandy Blankenship from the February 9, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0-1-2.

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

Jan Myers	✓			
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Item 14: Revise 2022-2023 calendar to change the date of the May regular meeting due to Administrator absence and adjust the July holiday schedule.

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Carla Schwahn to revise the 2022-2023 calendar as presented and to adjust the May Board meeting date to Wednesday, May 10 at 6 PM. 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 15: Approve the 2023-2024 ESU 6 Milford Office Calendar

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Carla Schwahn to approve the 2023-2024 ESU 6 Milford office calendar as presented. 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: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates

Updates were provided on the listed organizations.

Item 17: Adjourn

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President

Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6pm at Educational Service Unit 6 Milford Office.