

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
January 18th, 2024**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:06 pm on January 18th, 2024.

**Board members present:**

- ✓ Jan Myers (via Zoom)
- ✓ Carla Schwahn (via Zoom)
- x Sandy Blankenship
- x Larry Starr
- ✓ Dale Kahla (via Zoom)
- ✓ Eric Malina

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

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 sent to each of the area newspapers for publication.

**Item 5: Appoint Ken Reinsch to the Educational Service Unit 6 Board of Directors**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to appoint Ken Reinsch, District 1, to the Educational Service Unit 6 Board of Directors. Motion carried 4-0-0-2.

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

**Item 6: Oath of Office**

Newly appointed Board member, Ken Reinsch, District 1, recited the Oath of Office.

**Item 7: Board Organizational Meeting**

The annual organizational meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit 6 was called to order by President Eric Malina at 6:13 pm on January 18th, 2024. The chair of President was immediately yielded to ESU 6 Administrator, Dr. John Skretta to preside over the meeting as called for in Policy.

**A. Nomination and Election of Board Officers**

**Election of Board President -**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Dale Kahla to nominate Eric Malina for Board President. It was then moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Jan Myers to cease nominations for Board President.

Motion to cease nominations carried 5-0-0-2.

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

Eric Malina was elected Board President by roll call 5-0-0-2.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Sandy Blankenship				✓
Ken Reinsch	✓			
Dale Kahla	✓			
Jan Myers	✓			
Carla Schwahn	✓			
Larry Starr				✓

Eric Malina	✓			
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Upon being elected the new President, Eric Malina chaired the remainder of the organizational meeting as called for in Policy.

**Election of Board Vice-President**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Carla Schwahn to nominate Dale Kahla for Board Vice-President. It was then moved by Ken Reinsch and seconded by Jan Myers to cease nominations for Board Vice-President.

Motion to cease nominations carried 5-0-0-2.

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

Dale Kahla was elected Board Vice-President by roll call 5-0-0-2.

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

**Election of Board Secretary**

It was moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Dale Kahla to nominate Sandy Blankenship for Board Secretary. It was then moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Ken Reinsch to cease nominations for Board Secretary.

Motion to cease nominations carried 5-0-0-2.

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

Sandy Blankenship was elected Board Secretary by roll call 5-0-0-2.

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

**Appointment of Board Treasurer**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to nominate and appoint Vicki Taylor as Board Treasurer. It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to cease nominations for Board Treasurer.

Motion to cease nominations carried 5-0-0-2.

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

Vicki Taylor was elected Board Treasurer by roll call 5-0-0-2.

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

**B. Consider, discuss, take action on legal council, board committees, depository bank, and newspaper of record.**

The ESU 6 Board will maintain the current legal council, board committees, depository bank, and newspaper of record. No action was necessary.

**Item 8: Adjourn Organizational Meeting (resume regular meeting)**

It was moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Ken Reinsch to adjourn the organizational meeting and resume the regular meeting at 6:27pm. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 10: 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 December regular meeting, January bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 14: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, discussed his written report, highlighting many bills that would impact education in the 2024 legislative session. Dr. Skretta also testified at the NDE Rule 58 hearing on Safety and Security grants for schools. He thanked Board President Malina and Board Secretary Blankenship for attending the recent STANCE legislative luncheon.
- B. Nichole Hall, Human Resources Director, submitted a written report and was available for questions.

- C. April Kelley, Professional Development Director, submitted a written report but was unable to be present.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted a written report but was unable to be present as she was attending a conference.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted a written report, and discussed next steps for the Cybersecurity grant now that the ESU has received NEMA approval to proceed.

**Item 15: Correspondence - No updates in January.**

**Item 16: Information Item: The IRS mileage reimbursement rate changed from \$.655/mile to \$.67/mile effective January 1, 2024.**

**Item 17: Administrator Evaluation**

Nichole Hall provided an update to the Board on the annual Administrator Evaluation process.

**Item 18: Approval of Participation in the NJUMP Interlocal**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Carla Schwahn to extend ESU 6’s participation in the NJUMP interlocal agreement for the purchase of natural gas. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 19: Request to move March Board meeting date from March 14th, 2024 to week following**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Ken Reinsch to move the March Board meeting date from March 14th, 2024 to March 21st, 2024, beginning at 6:00pm. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 20: Excuse Absence of Board Members**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Carla Schwahn to excuse the absence of Board members Eric Malina, Jan Myers, and Chuck Evans from the December 14th, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 21: Personnel - There are no personnel updates for January.**

**Item 22: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, and ESUCC Updates**

Updates on the member organizations were linked on the agenda.

**Item 23: Adjourn**

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



Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Malina, Board President  
Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

*The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6 PM. The meeting will be published as a videoconference Zoom meeting in addition to being at the physical site of ESU 6 Milford office.*