

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes
April 13th, 2023**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:02pm on April 13th, 2023.

Board members present:

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

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

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.

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

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to approve the minutes from the 3/9/2023 regular meeting, April bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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 discussed discourse in the legislature. He also highlighted that he served as the ESU 7 external visit team lead and also was invited to attend the CCSSO conference in Chicago this past week as a member of the NDE Nebraska team. He noted that he was elected to serve as the incoming President Elect for ESUCC.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. She recently attended the GRIT Conference where she was able to converse with Senators, including our area representative Senator Jana Hughes. She also attended Connecting the Dots at Seward Public Schools.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted recent meetings with districts to discuss their needs for next year, and the PD retreat where they refined their plan for how the team will meet those needs.
- 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 highlighted recent meetings with districts to discuss their needs for the next school year. He discussed recent efficiencies obtained from the use of new backup software technology.

Item 11: 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 Carla Schwahn to excuse the absences of Board members Eric Malina and Sandy Blankenship from the March 9, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

Item 12: Personnel

a. Approve contract for Heidi Farmer, NeMTSS Regional Lead, 1.0 FTE

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the contract for Heidi Farmer, NeMTSS Regional Lead at 1.0 FTE. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

b. Approve contract for Scott Eckman, Personnel Development Grant Coordinator, 1.0 FTE

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to approve the contract for Scott Eckman, Personnel Development Grant Coordinator at 1.0 FTE. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

c. Accept resignation of Linda Hennessey, Speech Language Pathologist, 1.0 FTE

It was moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Larry Starr to accept the resignation of Linda Hennessey, Speech Language Pathologist at 1.0 FTE. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

d. Approve retirement of Dianne Coffin, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, 1.0 FTE

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to approve the retirement of Dianne Coffin, Early Childhood Special Education Teachers at 1.0 FTE. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

Item 13: Annual Board Self Evaluation -

The annual Board self-evaluation was provided to the Board members to complete ahead of the May Board meeting for discussion in May. No action was necessary.

Item 14: Board member Sandy Blankenship attended the annual NETA Conference in March

Sandy Blankenship provided a written report from the NETA Conference in March.

Item 15: Crete redevelopment proposal information

Information was provided on a redevelopment proposal from the city of Crete.

Item 16: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates

Updates were provided on the listed member organizations.

Item 17: Adjourn

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Malina, Board President

Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6pm at Educational Service Unit 6 Milford Office.