

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

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:01 pm on February 9th, 2023.

Board members present:

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

ESU 6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Nichole Hall, Jamen Hall, Sydney Bristol, Dr. Michele Rayburn (via Zoom) & 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 sent to each of the newspapers in the unit area and the Lincoln Journal Star for publication.

Item 7: Board Minutes, Bills & Financial Summary Approval (Consent Agenda):

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Carla Schwahn to approve the minutes from the 1/12/2023 organizational meeting, February bills and Financial Summary. 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	✓			
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Item 11: Information Items -

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, submitted and reviewed his written report. Dr. Skretta highlighted legislative bills pertaining to education that STANCE and ESUCC are watching. He was also invited by Dr. Schnoes, ESU 3 Administrator to join the US Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona’s visit when he conducted an education roundtable discussion at ESU 3 on February 8th.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. She shared her recent participation in a LHRMA leadership conference.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted Blue River Cohort, and thanked the directors for allowing their teams to help make the day a success, including the support of the Technology and Student Services Departments.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted and reviewed her written report. She commended the Early Learning Connection and Early Learning Connection Coach staff for their work in the realm of early childhood.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. He discussed the new WAN with 100GB backbone and a backup storage project.

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to amend the agenda to add Item F: Evaluation of Administrator. 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	✓			

F. Evaluation of Administrator

The annual evaluation of the Administrator was conducted with evaluation feedback reviewed by the Board and Administrator. No action was necessary.

Item 11: Acceptance of Annual Audit

It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Carla Schwahn to accept the 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 12: Negotiated Settlement with the ESU 6 Education Association for the 2023-2024 school year

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Carla Schwahn to approve the negotiated agreement with the ESU 6 Education Association for the 2023-2024 school year for a total package increase of 4%, as recommended by the Negotiations Committee. 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: Board Retreat

Sydney Bristol will send a Doodle to Board members to set a date for the 2023 Board Retreat.

Item 14: Personnel

a. Approve work agreement for Amy Davis, Professional Development Consultant at 1.0 FTE

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to approve a work agreement for Amy Davis, Professional Development Consultant, at 1.0 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	✓			

b. Accept resignation of Armando Perez, Educational Technology Specialist

It was moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Jan Myers to accept the resignation of Amanda Hinds, CRAVE Teacher. 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 12: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates

Updates were provided on the listed organizations.

The NETA Conference registration is open. Board members were instructed to contact Sydney Bristol if interested in attending.

Item 13: Adjourn

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:14 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 Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6pm. The meeting will be published as a videoconference Zoom meeting in addition to being at the physical site of ESU 6 Milford office.