

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
January 12th, 2023**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:03 pm on January 12th, 2023.

**Board members present:**

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

ESU #6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Dr. Michele Rayburn, Jamen Hall, Nichole Hall, Sydney Bristol, Kristi Most, Shaunna O'Brien, Jodi Fintel  
ESU #6 Staff Present via Zoom: 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.

**Item 4: Board Organizational Meeting**

The annual organizational meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit 6 was called to order by President Eric Malina at 6:09 pm on January 12th, 2023. 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 Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to nominate Eric Malina for Board President. It was then moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Larry Starr to cease nominations for Board President. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

| Board Member      | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Sandy Blankenship | ✓   |         |         |        |
| Chuck Evans       | ✓   |         |         |        |
| Dale Kahla        | ✓   |         |         |        |

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|---------------|---|--|--|--|
| Jan Myers     | ✓ |  |  |  |
| Carla Schwahn | ✓ |  |  |  |
| Larry Starr   | ✓ |  |  |  |
| Eric Malina   | ✓ |  |  |  |

Eric Malina was elected Board President by a ballot tally of seven in favor.

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 Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Larry Starr to nominate Dale Kahla for Board Vice-President. It was then moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Larry Starr to cease nominations for Board Vice-President. Motion to cease nominations carried 7-0-0-0.

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

Dale Kahla was elected Board Vice-President by a ballot tally of seven in favor.

#### Election of Board Secretary

It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Dale Kahla to nominate Sandy Blankenship for Board Secretary. It was then moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Larry Starr to cease nominations for Board Secretary. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

| Board Member      | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Sandy Blankenship | ✓   |         |         |        |

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

Sandy Blankenship was elected Board Secretary by a ballot vote of seven in favor.

**Employment of Board Treasurer**

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

| Board Member      | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Sandy Blankenship | ✓   |         |         |        |
| Chuck Evans       | ✓   |         |         |        |
| 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.**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to maintain the current ESU 6 legal council, board committees, depository bank, and newspaper of record. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

| Board Member      | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Sandy Blankenship | ✓   |         |         |        |

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

**Item 7: Adjourn Organizational Meeting (resume regular meeting)**

President Malina adjourned the annual organizational meeting and resumed the regular meeting at 6:22pm.

**Item 8: ESU 6 Program Presentation - TYKE**

ESU 6's TYKE program teachers, Kristi Most, Shaunna O'Brien, and Jodi Fintel, gave an overview of the TYKE preschool program.

**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 7-0-0-0.

| Board Member      | For | Against | Abstain | Absent |
|-------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|
| Sandy Blankenship | ✓   |         |         |        |
| Chuck Evans       | ✓   |         |         |        |
| 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, providing an update on a bill sponsored by Senator Myron Dorn that would increase core service dollars and technology infrastructure funding to ESUs. He also

highlighted the upcoming STANCE meeting to feature newly elected State Board members.

- B. Nichole Hall, Human Resources Director, submitted a written report, and discussed open positions.
- C. April Kelley, Professional Development Director, submitted a written report, and highlighted the applicant and candidate review process for a Professional Development Consultant who will work in the areas of Science, Social Studies, School Improvement, and data.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted a written report and thanked the TYKE staff for their presentation.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted a written report, and discussed the acquisition of and improved security components for a new backup storage system.

**Item 15: Administrator Evaluation**

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

**Item 16: Approval of Participation in the NJUMP Interlocal**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Chuck Evans to extend ESU 6’s participation in the NJUMP interlocal agreement for the purchase of natural gas. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

**Item 17: Excuse Absence of Board Members**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to excuse the absence of Board members Carla Schwahn and Larry Starr from the December 13th, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

**Item 18: Personnel**

**A. Accept resignation of Susan Howell, SUCCESS Paraeducator**

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Jan Myers to accept the resignation of Susan Howell, SUCCESS Paraeducator. Motion carried 7-0-0-0.

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

**Item 19: AESA, NASB, NRCSA, and ESUCC Updates**

Dr. Skretta provided updates on the member organizations.

Carla Schwahn attended the AESA National Conference and provided an oral report on the educational service association conference held in December.

**Item 20: Adjourn**

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Malina, Board President

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Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

*The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Thursday, February 9, 2023 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.*