

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
December 14th, 2023**

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 4:32 P.M. on December 14th, 2023.

**Board members present:**

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

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

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 Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Carla Schwahn to approve the minutes from the 11/9/2023 regular meeting, December bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 4-0-0-3.

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

**Item 10: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, submitted and reviewed his written report. Dr. Skretta highlighted the Commissioner’s Advisory group, and Dr. Maher’s request for input on student achievement testing and ESSA federal accountability plan revisions.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. Nichole has recently been promoted to President Elect of Lincoln Human Resources Management Association. Congratulations were extended to Nichole by the Board.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. April highlighted Milford’s STEM day at ESU 6.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted a written report but was unable to be present.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. Jamen discussed multiple cybersecurity incidents in schools and emphasized the importance of the ESU’s work in preventing attacks and mitigating risk.

**Item 11: Correspondence**

Correspondence was provided on the agenda.

**Item 12: Excuse absence of Board members from preceding meetings**

- a. **Eric Malina, Sandy Blankenship, and Carla Schwahn from the September 14, 2023 budget hearing and regular meeting**
- b. **Chuck Evans and Jan Myers from the October 12, 2023 regular meeting**
- c. **Chuck Evans from the November 9, 2023 regular meeting**

It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to excuse the Board members from the meetings listed. Motion carried 4-0-0-3.

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

**Item 13: Negotiated Settlement with the ESU 6 Education Association for**

**the 2024-2025 school year**

It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Carla Schwahn to approve the negotiated agreement with the ESU 6 Education Association for the 2024-2025 school year for a total package increase of 4.09%, as recommended by the Negotiations Committee. Motion carried 4-0-0-3.

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

**Item 14: Personnel**

**a. Accept work agreement for Jerri Van Horn, Student Services Executive Assistant, at 1.0 FTE**

It was moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Sandy Blankenship to accept the work agreement for Jerri Van Horn, Student Services Executive Assistant, at 1.0 FTE

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

**Item 17: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates**

Updates were provided on the listed member organizations. Sandy Blankenship gave a report on the AESA Conference she attended earlier this month. Dr. Skretta previewed the upcoming January, 2024 Rule 84 meeting of ESUCC and NDE.

**Item 18: Adjourn**

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 5:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dale Kahla, Board Vice President

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Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

*The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00pm at ESU 6 Milford offices.*