

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

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:04 P.M. on October 12th, 2023.

**Board members present:**

- ✓ 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, 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.

**Item 6: Invited Guest Speaker, Stacie Higgins, NASB Board Leadership Associate**

Stacie Higgins, NASB Board Leadership Associate, spoke to the ESU 6 Board about her role at the Nebraska Association of School Boards and how the NASB endeavors to provide membership support tailored to ESU Boards and Board members in addition to local school boards.

**Items 8 - 10: Board Minutes, Bills & Financial Summary Approval (Consent Agenda):**

It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Dale Kahla to approve the minutes from the 9/14/2023 budget hearing and regular meeting, October bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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 AESA Advocacy trip to Washington DC where he had the opportunity to meet directly with Senator Ricketts and Congressman Adrian Smith as well as representatives of the other members of the Nebraska Congressional delegation in order to discuss education in Nebraska. Dr. Skretta’s emphasis in these meetings was on the need for enhanced support for cybersecurity protections for K-12 settings.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. Nichole announced that ESU 6 has hired a Mental Health Program lead to begin in the summer of 2024. She also discussed her recent attendance at the AASPA conference.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. April highlighted Dr. Lynne Herr’s work on the Grow Your Own Educator Rising grant.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted a written report but was unable to be present due to her attendance as a presenter and registered attendee of the state MTSS Summit.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. Jamen had the opportunity to meet the first Technology Director at ESU 6, Mike Goff, and was excited to show him how some of the work Mike accomplished years ago continues to support schools’ technology needs today.

**Item 12: Correspondence**

Correspondence was provided on the agenda.

**Item 13: Personnel**

a. Approve contract for Derek Coffey, Mental Health Program Lead, 1.0 FTE  
 It was moved by Carla Schwahn and seconded by Dale Kahla to approve the contract for Derek Coffey, Mental Health Program Lead, at 1.0 FTE. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

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

b. Accept resignation of Loree Woods, Student Services Executive Assistant  
 It was moved by Sandy Blankenship and seconded by Larry Starr to accept the resignation of Loree Woods, Student Services Executive Assistant. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

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

**Item 14: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates**  
 Updates were provided on the listed member organizations.

**Item 15: Adjourn**

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 6:57 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, November 9, 2023 at 6pm at Fillmore Central High School (1410 L St, Geneva 68361).*