

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

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:17pm on September 14th, 2023.

Board members present:

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

ESU 6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Nichole Hall, Jamen Hall, Dr. Michele Rayburn, 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.

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

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the minutes from the 8/10/2023 regular meeting, September 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 fall Superintendent district visits and the fall Superintendents' meeting at ESU 6 which included guest presenters from JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) and NDE (on certification updates).
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. Nichole reviewed an upcoming interview for a Mental Health Lead and the ever evolving employee record system.
- C. Production Update - Carla Rardin, Production Manager, and Elisa Taylor, Graphic Designer, submitted a written report.
- D. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted a written report but was unable to be present. Dr. Skretta highlighted the HQIM grant that has been awarded and commended the work of PD Consultant Megan Hammer on this project.
- E. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted and reviewed her written report. Dr. Rayburn described the start of school year activities and their recent grant year in review meetings with ESUs 4, 5, 6, and 18.
- F. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. Jamen discussed the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant. He has been notified that they have received the initial reward and will hopefully receive the funding in October.

Item 11: Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request

- a. It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to recess the regular meeting and convene the Special Hearing to set the final tax request at 6:30pm. 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				✓

- b. Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request - A special hearing to set the final tax request was conducted. No action was taken at this time.

- c. It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Jan Myers to adjourn the Special Hearing at 6:32pm. 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				✓

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Chuck Evans to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:32pm. 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 12: Budget

- a. Approve the 2023-2024 ESU 6 Operating Budget

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to approve the 2023-2024 ESU 6 Operating Budget as presented in the amount of \$10,950,678. 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				✓

b. Adopt Resolution No. 2024: Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request
 It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry Starr to adopt Resolution No. 2024 as presented, setting the tax request at \$2,752,902.46 and the levy rate at .015572 per \$100 of assessed value. 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: Approval of Certificated Staff Evaluation Documents

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Larry to Starr to approve the certificated staff evaluation documents as presented. 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. Approve work agreement for Victoria Escalera, SUCCESS Paraeducator, 1.0 FTE
 It was moved by Larry Starr and seconded by Jan Myers to approve the work agreement for Victoria Escalera, SUCCESS Paraeducator, at 1.0 FTE. 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 15: Correspondence

Correspondence was provided on the agenda.

Item 16: Consideration of Board Representative Attendance at the State Education Conference

The NASB State Education Conference is scheduled for November 15th through the 17th at CHI Health Center in Omaha. Board members are to let Sydney Bristol know if they would like to attend.

Item 17: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates

Updates were provided on the listed member organizations.

Item 18: Adjourn

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Kahla, Board Vice President

Sandy Blankenship, Board Secretary

The next meeting of the ESU 6 Board of Directors will occur on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6pm at Educational Service Unit 6 Milford Office.