

**ESU 6 Board Meeting Minutes  
February 8th, 2024**

Eric Malina, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Educational Service Unit No. 6 to order at 6:00 pm on February 8th, 2024.

**Board members present:**

- ✓ Sandy Blankenship (via Zoom)
- ✓ Dale Kahla
- ✓ Jan Myers
- ✓ Ken Reinsch
- ✓ Carla Schwahn (via Zoom)
- x Larry Starr
- ✓ Eric Malina

ESU 6 Staff Present: Dr. John Skretta, Vicki Taylor, Nichole Hall, Jamen Hall, Dr. Michele Rayburn, Sydney Bristol, and 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 6: Board Minutes, Bills & Financial Summary Approval (Consent Agenda):**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Ken Reinsch to approve the minutes from the 1/18/2024 organizational meeting, February bills and Financial Summary. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Sandy Blankenship	✓			
Dale Kahla	✓			
Jan Myers	✓			
Ken Reinsch	✓			
Carla Schwahn	✓			
Larry Starr				✓

Eric Malina	✓			
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**Item 10: Information Items -**

- A. Dr. John Skretta, ESU 6 Administrator, submitted and reviewed his written report. Dr. Skretta highlighted a recent ESU 6 Superintendents meeting where he brought in Lieutenant Monty Lovelace with NIAC, Derek Ippensen with NDE, and Justin Knight with Perry Law Firm. He also talked about testifying in Unicameral hearings in support of bills for additional funding for school safety and cybersecurity.
- B. Nichole Hall, Director of Human Resources, submitted and reviewed her written report. She shared that Coach John Cook will be the presenter at the next LHRMA meeting.
- C. April Kelley, Director of Professional Development, submitted and reviewed her written report. April discussed an evolution of support for early-career teachers from self care to resiliency.
- D. Dr. Michele Rayburn, Director of Student Services, submitted and reviewed her written report. She highlighted Michalla Schartz’s work on the transition grant.
- E. Jamen Hall, Director of Technology, submitted and reviewed his written report. He discussed the SLCG grant application and implementation of Y1 projects for this.
- 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: Correspondence - No updates in February.**

**Item 12: Board Retreat**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Dale Kahla to move the March Board meeting to March 21st beginning at 3:30, following a Board retreat beginning at 12:30pm. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Sandy Blankenship	✓			
Dale Kahla	✓			
Jan Myers	✓			
Ken Reinsch	✓			
Carla Schwahn	✓			
Larry Starr				✓

Eric Malina	✓			
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**Item 13: Acceptance of Annual Audit**

It was moved by Dale Kahla and seconded by Jan Myers to accept the annual audit. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

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

**Item 14: Excuse Absence of Board Members**

It was moved by Jan Myers and seconded by Ken Reinsch to excuse the absence of Board members Sandy Blankenship and Larry Starr from the January 18, 2024 organizational meeting. Motion carried 4-0-1-1.

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

**Item 15: Personnel - No personnel changes in February.**

**Item 16: AESA, NASB, NRCSA and ESUCC Updates**

Updates were provided on the listed membership organizations, including information on upcoming events.

**Item 17: Adjourn**

Eric Malina, Board President, adjourned the regular meeting of ESU 6 Board of Directors at 7:13 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, March 21, 2024 at 3:30pm at a location TBD. The meeting will follow the ESU 6 Board Retreat at 12:30pm.*