

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

October 13, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held October 13, 2020, at the Performing Arts Center, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Mike Kelso, Lynn Reazin, Amanda Donovan, Lorelea Hubert, Asst Director, Daniel Wray, Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Members Absent: Susan Schiffelbein and Gavin Fouts.

Additional Attendees:

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of the September 8, 2020 Regular Board Minutes

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the September 8, 2020 regular board meeting minutes. Mike Kelso seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

Old Business

New Business

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the MOU between ECKCE and the NEA 614 representing the employees. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the Affiliation Agreements with Nebraska Methodist College and Emerson College. Mike Kelso seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Director's Reports

- Personnel - Still down about 30-32 paraprofessionals from last year, making scheduling a challenge. Also, there have been several very high needs students move into our districts. Still have an EC teacher opening in Eudora and actively seeking a replacement.
- Gifted and IDEA file review - Fully completed and compliant.
- Fiscal File Review - Fully completed and compliant.

- Indicator 11 - Data has been submitted for compliance regarding the percent of children evaluated within 60 days of parental consent.
- Indicator 12 - Data has been submitted for compliance regarding the percent of children referred by Part C (TinyK) who were evaluated, found eligible, and had an IEP developed by their 3rd birthday.
- KSDE Audits - Still awaiting reports but preliminary numbers show approximately owing \$50-\$60K for 19-20.
- Budget - Preliminary planning has begun to determine the approximate assessment target for next year, but the unknowns outweigh the knowns at this point.
- MOU for NEA 614 - Memorandum of Understanding regarding Covid leave under the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act), submitted for Board approval.
- Affiliation Agreements with Nebraska Methodist College for aspiring OT students, and Emerson College for SLP students for clinical practicum opportunities.
- SEAC - A tentative meeting is scheduled for October 27th, waiting for a response from the members for participation.
- Director Evaluation - Goals were emailed to the Board members prior to the meeting for review, but adding developing a strategic plan to reduce the eligibility rate in member districts to align with the current Kansas rate by standardizing the referral process and providing subsequent staff development to employ.
- Director Dan Wray presented a PowerPoint presentation: ECKCE by the Numbers - a breakdown of the students by disability type, age, district, and various other data to show where ECKCE is currently compared to Kansas and the nation in terms of SPED statistics.

Executive Session

Action on Personnel

Lynn Reazin made a motion to accept the Paraprofessional resignations and hires as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Lynn Reazin made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

These minutes are subject to final approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Shelly McCart,
Clerk of the Board

Action on Personnel

Resignations

Paraprofessionals:

Sue Martin, Bridges

Shay Wilson, EMS

Hirings

Paraprofessionals:

Elizabeth Buchele, Bridges

Taylor McEachron, Bridges

Morgan Rickey, BPC

Adelynn Flory, EMS

Caroline Flory, BHS

Alyssa Poteet, WES

Larry Gentry, WEBS

Braydon Conaway, BHS