

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

November 10, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held November 10, 2020, at the Baldwin High School Library, Baldwin City, Kansas. The meeting was also offered via zoom for those that could not attend in person.

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

Members Absent: Gavin Fouts.

Additional Attendees:

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Board President Chris Perry added A. under New Business, Future Meeting Locations and Formats

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the October 13, 2020 Regular Board Minutes

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the October 13, 2020 regular board meeting minutes. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Mike Kelso seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

The Board Members discussed future meeting formats due to rising cases of Covid and mixing of our communities. Susan Schiffelbein suggested that we hold December's meeting via zoom and then decide on a month to month basis. Mike Kelso added that everyone should be willing to change on a moment's notice and to set up a zoom link while also keeping the option of meeting in person. The meeting agenda will reflect the location, if any, and the zoom link for the public to attend if they so choose. This will be posted to the ECKCE website and emailed to anyone requesting it. No motion necessary.

Director's Reports

- Personnel - Still down about 23% paraprofessionals from last year, but it is improving. Still seeking a replacement for the EC teacher in Eudora. Two candidates are set to interview on November 19th. A resignation was received from the first-grade resource teacher in Eudora due to Covid concerns. A contract was offered and accepted to a brand-new teacher, formerly a para, just completing her licensure status.
- Accreditation Waivers - 5 were applied for by the November 1st deadline and a 6th will be added for the February 1st date. All should be approved.
- Audit - Finally received the KSDE audit, which showed correction in areas of our ECE teaching in 2 of the 3 districts.
- Budget - Preliminary planning has begun to determine the approximate assessment target for next year, but the unknowns outweigh the knowns at this point.
- KASB Risk Management Stewardship Report - Positive data showing the worker's comp claims and its effect on the premiums-less claims and fewer dollars per claim this past year.
- Navigating Change - Continuing to respond to individual district's platforms and adjusting along the way.
- SEAC - A virtual meeting was held on October 26th via zoom, with only a few in attendance.

Executive Session

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters with Director Wray and Assistant Director Lorelea Hubert pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and returning to open meeting at 7:39 p.m. Mike Kelso seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mike Kelso made a motion to continue the executive session to discuss personnel matters with Director Wray and Assistant Director Lorelea Hubert pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and returning to open meeting at 7:45 p.m. Chris Perry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:45 p.m.

Action on Personnel

Assistant Director Lorelea Hubert modified the personnel report stating Ryan Fricke is at Eudora Elementary in the Life Skills room under Frankie Williams and not a para in WEBS.

Mike Kelso made a motion to accept the Paraprofessional and Certified resignations and hires as amended. Susan Schifflbein seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mike Kelso made a motion to adjourn. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 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:

Patricia Oliver, BPC
Zoe Wohlford, EES
Breyanna Helm, EES
Cassandra Ware, BHS
Sandra Finley, BHS

Certified:

Mindy Carlson, EES IR 1st

Hirings

Paraprofessionals:

Amber Ward, EES
Elizabeth Schultz, EMS
Ryan Fricke, EES
Calvin Schoendaller, BHS
Kaitlyn Laughlin, WES

Certified:

Jennifer Ducey, EES IR 1st