

**EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION  
March 17, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING BOARD MINUTES**

The special meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held March 17, 2020 at the Cooperative Central Office, Baldwin City, Kansas.

**Members present:** Joined via Zoom Meeting: Chris Perry, Susan Schiffelbein, Dawn Whalen, Amanda Donovan, Mike Kelso, Daniel Wray, Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

**Members Absent:** Lynn Reazin

**Additional Attendees:** Joined (at 6:35 p.m.) via Zoom Meeting: Kim Bergan.

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Special Meeting called to discuss the paraprofessional compensation during the Coronavirus closure. Director Dan Wray spoke about the announcement by Governor Laura Kelly on March 17, 2020 that ordered all Kansas school buildings to remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. What it means for ECKCE: The State will pay the Categorical Aid for the actual hours worked by the paraprofessionals and the Interlocal can apply for a waiver for the remaining hours as long as they receive pay. A written resolution was presented to the Board Members via email prior to the meeting for review. Board Members and Director Dan Wray discussed that the para hourly wages will be based on the 35 hour/week average for full-time paras, and the average hours worked for any part-time paras.

The Board Members noted that the last paragraph be removed and change the verbiage to state through the end of the 2019-20 school year. Revised resolution attached to these minutes.

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the Paraprofessional Compensation During the Emergency School Closing Resolution as amended. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Director Dan Wray stated that he would be sending out an email to all staff following the meeting, informing them of the resolution. The Board Members want to let all staff know that they are valued and that this will help provide for their families and hope that they stay safe and comforted in these uncertain times.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to adjourn. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

These minutes are subject to final approval at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.  
Shelly McCart,  
Clerk of the Board