

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

May 24, 2022, BOARD MINUTES

The East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors Retreat was held May 24, 2022, at Hot Off the Press, 513 Main Street, Wellsville, Kansas.

Members Present: Amanda Donovan, Becky Plate, Chris Perry, Tony Brown, Dawn Whalen, Lynn Reazin (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), Daniel Wray, Director, Lorelea Hubert, Asst. Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Additional Attendees:

Board President, Chris Perry, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Tony Brown seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

Board President, Chris Perry, called a 30-minute recess for the attendees to enjoy dinner from Las Catrinas Mexican Restaurant in Wellsville.

The meeting resumed at 6:57 p.m.

Old Business

Director Dan Wray shared information with the Board Members regarding funding for the Interlocal. Of all the districts in Kansas, 39 are cooperatives or interlocals, covering approximately 80% of the school districts. An interlocal does not have a sponsoring district for items such as salary schedule, benefits, etc.

Resources-ECKCE raises all revenue, coming from these 4 sources:

- Federal IDEA VI-B funds
- State Categorical Aid (FTE & Transportation)
- Medicaid Revenue (Direct Services to students that qualify, Replacement funds, SDAC, quarterly, SDAC Cost Settlement)
- Assessments from the member districts

Discussion regarding para reimbursement and Categorical Aid (ECKCE receives approx. \$12K per full-time para) The ratio of adults to paras in Kansas is about 200:1, while it is roughly 125:1 elsewhere.

Director Dan Wray shared a video: Special Education 101 and Q & A with the Members to view later at their convenience.

Clarification of communication from Dan to the Board Members and emphasis on working as a team with superintendents.

- Policies/Procedures
- Processes
- Personnel

The Strategic Plan Document was reviewed with the Board by Dan and Lorelea.

- Action steps
- Responsible party
- Resources
- Timeline
- Evaluation

Are there too many goals? Evaluate and be flexible with goals. Revisit the plan progress every 6 months to a year.

Lynn Reazin made a motion to adjourn. Tony Brown seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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

Shelly McCart,
Clerk of the Board