

**EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION
November 14, 2023, BOARD MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held November 14, 2023, at ECKCE 608 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Tony Brown, Lynn Reazin, Becky Plate, Chris Perry, Daniel Wray, Director, Jim Persinger, Assistant Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board. Amanda Donovan and Lindsey Wood joined via Google Meet.

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

Public Comment

Opening Business

Approve Agenda as Presented

Motion: Becky Plate
Second: Lynn Reazin
Motion approved 6-0

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes-October 10, 2023

Motion: Tony Brown
Second: Lynn Reazin
Motion approved 6-0

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report as Presented

Motion: Lynn Reazin
Second: Becky Plate
Motion approved 6-0

Old Business

Strategic Plan Update:

Director Dan Wray stated that the Flippity chart showing the progress on the Strategic Plan has not been updated for November yet. Chris presented information at their conference about strategic plans from an Interlocal's perspective and were well received. ECKCE is small compared to others, but it created good conversations amongst the attendees. Dan is hoping to update the website by the end of this week.

Asst Director Jim Persinger reported that the Interlocal was not one of the recipients of the Stronger Connections Grant, though he will continue to pursue avenues in the future.

Director's Evaluation:

Board President Chris Perry compiled the comments from all the evaluations and will discuss them in Executive Session.

Director's Report

- Personnel –Turnover in paraprofessionals this month, unattributable to anything specific. We are about 5 paras short right now, as we have also hired a few new ones to replace them but can't seem to get fully staffed on any given day.

- Leadership for Tomorrow – Chris and I attended the last session of the Leadership for Tomorrow in Wichita on November 9-11 with graduation being held on the 11th. Again, I am grateful for this opportunity.
- IDEA and Gifted file review – We achieved full compliance on the IDEA file review, but due to circumstances beyond our control, we were not able to satisfy the Gifted portion of the file review. I am in the process of crafting a DCAP to address the compliance issue, which was writing measurable gifted goals. It will consist of staff training and will be completed by the November 30 deadline.
- Indicator 11 – We submitted indicator 11 successfully but were notified that we needed data verification to support the dates given. Upon review of that data, KSDE notified us that we would be required to submit a DCAP to address an indicator timeline failure. I was unsatisfied that we had indeed failed, so I submitted additional email verification of the parental request to extend the timeline, as they had dated the form incorrectly in the initial submission. Upon review of that information, KSDE indicated that we had passed the indicator unequivocally.
- Indicator 12 – We are still waiting for data verification but anticipate full compliance.
- MOE – Maintenance of Effort window will open in a few days and will close for districts right before Winter Break. While there is a lot of concern at the state level that many districts will have a difficult time with meeting it due to the influx of ESSERS money, I don't share the same fear for our districts and for our organization. I am hoping to meet at least 3 of the tests this year, if not all 4.
- SEAC Update – We have plans for a meeting just prior to the board meeting in December.

Board Member Input

Eudora's new program model for Early Childhood was discussed with some details about days and hours of operation, staffing and student enrollment.

Executive Session

Enter executive session with the Board Members, to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Boardroom at 8:10 p.m.

Motion: Chris Perry

Second: Becky Plate

Motion approved 6-0

The open meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.

Enter executive session with the Board Members and Director Dan Wray, to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Boardroom at 8:27 p.m.

Motion: Becky Plate

Second: Tony Brown

Motion approved 6-0

The open meeting resumed at 8:27 p.m.

Enter executive session with the Board Members and Director Dan Wray, to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the exception for data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships under KOMA, and the open

meeting will resume in the Boardroom at 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Chris Perry

Second: Lynn Reazin

Motion approved: 6-0

Enter executive session with the Board Members, and Director Dan Wray, to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Boardroom at 8:57 p.m.

Motion: Chris Perry

Second: Lynn Reazin

Motion approved 6-0

The open meeting resumed at 8:57 p.m.

Accept the resignation/retirement of Director Dan Wray from the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education, effective June 30, 2024.

Motion: Chris Perry

Second: Becky Plate

Motion approved: 6-0

Approve Personnel Report as Presented

Motion: Becky Plate

Second: Tony Brown

Motion approved 6-0

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Tony Brown

Second: Becky Plate

Motion approved 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 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

Paras:

Tiffany Nixon, EES
Lena Mackie, BPC
Ashlyn McIntosh, EES
Crystal Stuart, BPC

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Kendra Rodriguez, EES
Deja Jordan, EHS
Kayla See, WES