

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION November 8, 2022, BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held November 8, 2022, at the ECKCE Office, 600 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Tony Brown, Lynn Reazin, Becky Plate, Amanda Donovan (joined via Google Meet), Daniel Wray, Director, Lorelea Hubert, Assistant Director (via Google Meet), and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Members Absent: Dawn Whalen

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Tony Brown seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the October 11, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Tony Brown seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Becky Plate seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Old Business

Strategic Plan Update

Lorelea updated the members on the following:

- Sent out a second call for the survey on curriculum-have received responses from 8 out of the 18 admins across the districts. The next step will be to gather and quantify all the data
- IEP goals/compliance discussed at the last Leadership staff meeting-going to create an LEA "cheat sheet" to help simplify the IEP process
- Dan and Lorelea reviewed the presentation on a LifeSkills curriculum (Styer-Fitzgerlad), they would like feedback from other Interlocals that are using it before proceeding.
- Working on maximizing areas for breaks for students and spaces for therapies (speech, OT, etc)
- WEBS update-the FT admin has been helpful to keep the program moving forward. EES admins have been involved in opening spaces and problem solving. Some of the challenges are in creating larger gaps of kids getting to and transitioning back to gen ed-sometimes lack connection to those home schools/peers. Working on clear exit criteria.

New Business

Director's Report

Personnel – Still short a few paras in every district but have adjusted in every building to address the needs of the students with available staff.

We have found and hired an additional OT. We are excited to have her join our team and have a tentative plan of coverage for both Baldwin and Eudora which will free up more time for our existing coverage in Wellsville.

Accreditation Waivers – The deadline for submitting teachers for waivers was November 1. I applied for 7 waivers with the intention of adding at least one more prior to the second semester deadline of Feb 1. I anticipate all being approved.

Indicator 12 Update – We received a 100% compliance letter from KSDE for Wellsville on Indicator 12 and are awaiting identical letters for the other 2 districts.

Assessment Update – While our projections for maintaining a steady 1-2% increase to assessments for the next 3-4 years is still in place, on November 3, KSDE's Fiscal Office provided us with an estimate of what State Special Education Aid would be if we were funded at 92% of excess costs.

Legislative Update – I have scheduled meetings with our various representatives in both the house and senate, pending elections being finalized and will share how much our individual districts are being impacted by the inability of the legislature to fully fund special education. While some are already advocates, some will be more challenging conversations, but I am looking forward to the persuasive challenge. I am hopeful to get some summaries from parents who have promised to advocate regarding their own children's individual circumstances to aid in this conversation.

SEAC Update – We had another great meeting on October 25 and developed a plan for additional meetings for the rest of the year. We had Stu Moeckel join us as the meeting was in Eudora and he provided great input for the families present. Our next meeting is tentatively planned for November 15 in Wellsville with a more social focus. Our smaller core group would like to get together to renovate our Facebook page and provide a more private Facebook group. We also had conversations about writing letters to lobby state representatives regarding the impact of special education on their children's lives.

Board Member Input

Eudora discussed the impact of the Panasonic plan regarding housing and talked about the City Council and school district list of wants/needs conversation and recent meetings.

Wellsville's renovation projects are going well, just lots of mess...

Baldwin is in planning/discussion regarding the bond issue and hopefully in the next couple of weeks will know more about what some of the plans are.

Executive Session

Action on Personnel

Tony Brown made a motion to accept the Personnel Report as presented. Lynn Reazin

seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Tony Brown made a motion to adjourn. Becky Plate seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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:

Margo Dulny, EES
Danielle Brooks, WES
Dalton Halseth, WEBS HS

Certified:

Autumn Thomas, ASL Interpreter

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Brooke Habeck, BHS
Diana Messick, BHS
Gloria High, EES
Edna Biles, BHS
Ashlynn McIntosh, EES
Alexandra Burr, EES
Albert Schendel, BIC
Luke Richards, WMS
Rylie Mueller, EES ASL Para

Certified:

Michelle Fairchild, OT Baldwin