

**EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION  
December 12, 2023, BOARD MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held December 12, 2023, at Wellsville Middle School Media Center, Wellsville, Kansas.

**Members Present:** Tony Brown, Lynn Reazin, Chris Perry, Amanda Donovan, Lindsey Wood, Daniel Wray, Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

**Additional Attendees:** Marcia Weseman, KASB, and Ryan Bradbury, Wellsville USD 289 Superintendent

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

**Public Comment**

**Opening Business**

**Approval of Agenda as Presented**

Motion: Lynn Reazin

Second: Tony Brown

Motion approved 5-0

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes-November 14, 2023, Special Work Session Minutes-November 29, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes-December 4, 2023**

Motion: Tony Brown

Second: Lindsey Wood

Motion approved 5-0

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

Motion: Lynn Reazin

Second: Amanda Donovan

Motion approved 5-0

**Old Business**

Marcia Weseman from KASB, presented the tentative timeline for the Director Search and discussed details regarding the online survey options and how the focus groups could be divided to include Superintendents, Parents, Certified staff, Classified staff, Students, and Building Administration. The online survey will be distributed on January 25, 2024, and open for 1 week. She will compile the data and present it to the Board after meeting with the focus groups.

Marcia Weseman left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**Strategic Plan Update:**

Director Dan Wray shared the updated Flippity chart showing the progress on the Strategic Plan. Key points: survey of students, the onboarding process, and maximizing the integration of data-specifically email addresses/contact lists.

## **Approval of Directors Evaluation for Dan Wray for the 2023-24 School Year**

Motion: Tony Brown

Second: Lynn Reazin

Motion Approved: 5-0

### **Director's Report**

- Personnel – Short about 5 paras currently, with a few hired and set to start after January 1, 2024.
- Gifted file review DCAP– Our District Corrective Action Plan for Gifted goal writing was approved, and the training has been scheduled. The next step after the training is the collection of new data based upon IEPs written between February 15 and April 15 to check for compliance.
- Indicator 12 – We are still waiting for data verification but anticipate full compliance.
- MOE – Maintenance of Effort opened 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.
- Significant Disproportionality – We were not found significantly disproportionate in any areas this year, including the 1% limit on DLM participation.
- Legislative Update – I have scheduled meetings with several of our representatives and will update you on those conversations as they occur. Suffice it to say that we are anxious to see how discussions in the various legislative committees go regarding fully funding the 92% of excess costs as statutorily required. While some are already advocates, some will be more challenging conversations, but I am looking forward to the persuasive challenge. I am still 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 – January meeting is TBD.

### **Board Member Input**

#### **Executive Session**

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 8:28 p.m.

Motion: Lynn Reazin

Second: Lindsey Wood

Motion approved 5-0

The open meeting resumed at 8:28 p.m.

#### **Approve Personnel Report as Presented**

Motion: Lynn Reazin

Second: Amanda Donovan

Motion approved 5-0

**Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: Lynn Reazin

Second: Tony Brown

Motion approved 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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:**

Kayla See, WES

Mackenzie South, BPC

Kendra Reece, BPC

### Hirings/Changes

#### **Paras:**

Zach Josephson, WES

Kenli Bryan, EMS

Matti Bryan, EES