

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

February 8, 2022, BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held February 8, 2022, at the ECKCE Conference Room, 608 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas.

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

Additional Attendees:

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the January 11, 2022, regular meeting minutes and the January 14, 2022, special meeting minutes. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Old Business

Vision and Mission of ECKCE/Strategic Planning Update:

- March 1st deadline for staff survey

- Superintendents, ECKCE staff, Administration survey sent

- Parent, SEAC, General Ed Staff survey not sent out yet

- Baldwin has not sent out theirs to be sensitive to the Coop survey

- Send reminder email 1 week prior to the due date for those not completed yet

- Discussion of survey results at March 8th Board meeting?

New Business

Dawn Whalen made a motion to nominate Chris Perry for President. Lynn Reazi seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Dawn Whalen made a motion to nominate Lynn Reazin as Vice President. Chris Perry seconded. Motion passed 5-1.

Board President Chris Perry and Amanda Donovan will complete the negotiating team for this year.

The Board members discussed with Director Dan Wray about the hiring process and the addition of new Certified positions and how best to work with the Board to assure all staffing needs are met. Any positions must be Board approved, posted internally for 2 days and then posted publicly.

Lynn Reazin made a motion authorizing a second Behavior Specialist position with administrative responsibilities for Eudora and WEBS. Becky Plate seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Discussion regarding a proposal for reimbursement for education was moved to Executive Session.

Board President Chris Perry reviewed the Director's Evaluation form that was given to the board members. Members agreed on the format and due dates for each step to be completed.

Director's Reports

- Personnel – Our Behavior Specialist has tendered her resignation for the 22-23 school year, so the position is posted.
We have a candidate for our open SLP position, albeit for next school year. A contract will be extended to secure her for that position.
- Gifted file review The DCAP for the insufficient measurable goal on a gifted IEP was written and approved. Training of staff to address the improvement of goal writing has been arranged.
- Accreditation Waivers – The deadline for submitting all teachers for waivers was February 1. All should be approved.
- Budget — No new news as we await word on Categorical Aid reimbursement. Regardless, the ARP monies that are received this year will help to keep assessments between 1 and 2% increase.
- MOE – The Maintenance of Effort application was submitted by the deadline, all four tests were met, with some appropriate submissions of allowable exceptions.
- Negotiations Training – The annual negotiations training required by Kansas statute is being done virtually through Greenbush.
- Mask mandate for Douglas County – The new mandate went into effect on January 7th and is still in effect for the immediate future. N95 masks are available to staff.
- SEAC Update – Meeting plans are on hold with hopes for the end of February.

Board Member Input:

Discussion regarding the mask mandate for Douglas County that was soon to expire or renew on February 9th.

The Board Members asked Director Dan Wray for a weekly update/briefing on the major events or pertinent information to keep them apprised of issues sooner than the monthly meetings.

Executive Session

Chris Perry made a motion to go into executive session with the Board members and Director Dan Wray and Lorelea Hubert to discuss the reimbursement for education proposal pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:31 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:31 p.m.

Chris Perry made a motion to go into executive session with the Board members to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 9:44 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:44 p.m.

Action on Personnel

Chris Perry made a motion to accept the Paraprofessional resignations and hires and Certified resignation and hires as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Dawn Whalen made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 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:

Mara Oleson, EES
Kim Chappell, EMS
Alyssa Poteet, WES
Tiffany Niederquell, EES

Certified:

Andrea Reece, Behavior Specialist

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Raeanna Miller, BIC
Pamela Bone, BIC
Chloe Courtney, BPC
Veronica Abel, Bridges

Certified:

Zachery Greenlee, transfer to BPC from EES
Vickie Hane, EES
Joelle Pierson, SLP Eudora