

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

March 8, 2022, BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held March 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 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

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

Approval of Minutes

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the February 8, 2022, regular meeting minutes and the February 17, 2022, special meeting minutes. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

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

Old Business

Vision and Mission of ECKCE/Strategic Planning Update:

- Approximately 122 responses were received so far, equally distributed between the 3 districts
- Survey closes 3/15/2022; a reminder has been sent out
- Discussion at next mtg on April 12th-possibly invite Michael Koonce to help interpret data

Director Evaluation:

Chris will compile the data he has received from the evaluations and prepare it for next month's meeting. Tony Brown will excuse himself from participating this year since he just came on the Board.

New Business

Classified Snow Day Pay Policy- Need to gather info from the member districts to and review what their policies are and discuss at the April meeting.

Dan is currently working on the revisions to the handbook for the next meeting also.

Director's Reports

- Personnel – The Behavior Specialist position was filled with a quality candidate selected from several applicants. We are excited to welcome January Lare to our team. Another SLP was hired for next year to cover all our needs moving forward. Dan and Lorelea attended the KU career fair and made connections with several quality candidates. Interviews with 6 candidates for the WEBS Admin position were completed.
- Accreditation Waivers were all approved. There were a couple of additional licensing confounds with the CAPS system and pre-approving some E-Sub licenses.
- Compensatory Services and ESY – Due to the fact that some students missed some of their SLP services during one of our SLPs maternity leave, teams are meeting with families to determine how those services can be accommodated during the scheduled ESY times. ESY dates are scheduled for June 6-16 and July 11-21, and we are working with districts on locations. Applications for teachers and paras continue to come in.
- Budget — No new news as we await word on Categorical Aid reimbursement. Regardless, the ARP monies that we receive this year will help to keep assessments between 1 and 2% increase.
- Negotiations Training – The annual negotiations training required by Kansas statute is being done virtually through Greenbush. Members of the negotiations team for this Spring/Summer should complete it and take the quiz to fulfill the mandatory requirement for annual training.
- Mask mandate for Douglas County – The mandate expired, and I have directed our staff to follow the individual district's responses.
- SEAC Update – A meeting is planned for March 29th to talk about compensatory services with parents.

Dan shared the negotiations letter with the Board Members.

The WEBS Administrator/Behavior Specialist position for Eudora was discussed in great detail regarding the hiring process and steps to be followed to have the best success/person for the program. Collaboration and involvement between the home district, the housing district, and the Interlocal staff is very important. Director Dan Wray explained details for discipline and actions in the program and how SpEd law pertains to the program. The Board members clarified their concerns and understanding of the position and made suggestions as to the title and description of the job posting.

Chris Perry made a motion to post for a position for the SEL Program Behavior Specialist/Administrator for the WEBS program. Tony Brown seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Board Member Input:

Executive Session

Lynn Reazin made a motion to go into executive session with the Board members, Director Dan Wray, and Lorelea Hubert to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the boardroom at 8:32 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:32 p.m.

Action on Personnel

Lynn Reazin made a motion to accept the Paraprofessional resignations and hires and Certified hires as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Chris Perry made a motion to adjourn. Tony Brown seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 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:

Ryan Fricke, EES

Kallie Klamm-Weas, WHS

Dalton Halseth, WEBS

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Noah Davis, WES

Isaiah Luellen, EES

Makenna Longacre, EES

Reaghan Transmeier, EES

Jacqueline Holtz, WES

Certified:

Shayna Messick, SLP

January Lare, Behavior Specialist