

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

April 11, 2023, BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held April 11, 2023, at the ECKCE Office, 600 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Tony Brown, Becky Plate, Amanda Donovan, Daniel Wray, Director, Lorelea Hubert, Asst Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Members Absent: Lynn Reazin, Dawn Whalen

Additional Attendees:

Board President Chris Perry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Tony Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Tony Brown made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Becky Plate seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Tony Brown made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Becky Plate seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

Strategic Plan Update

Still making progress. The website has the most current update on the plan.

Director's Evaluation-Board President Chris Perry and Director Dan Wray met to review the information; no major questions were raised. The Board will finalize the Evaluation at the May meeting. Reviewed the future timeline for evaluation to begin in September and conclude by November or December's meetings.

Conflict of Interest Policy-Discussion of some specific wording; will be added to the Employee Handbook for 23-24 and will be presented at the staff in-services in August.

New Business

Tony Brown made a motion to approve the KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contract and annual membership dues for 2023-24. Becky Plate seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Informational Items

None

Director's Report

- Personnel – We filled our position at EHS, one position at EES, have interviewed for all WHS positions, have an acceptance on our Integration Specialist (Instructional Coach) position, and interviews for the Social Worker and Gifted positions.
- Paraprofessional attendance pilot – It looks as though 55% of our paras were able to demonstrate perfect attendance for the month, as compared to about 40% the month before. We can discuss what that means moving into next year.
- Supplemental Health Proposal – After reviewing the benefits, it is in our best interest to keep with the providers we have and not add confusion to the situation by bringing on another vendor.
- Insurance Rates – We don't anticipate a quote from our carrier until next month, but as this is one of the items on the negotiations letter, we will be asking for that quote sooner to begin the process.
- Legislative Update – As I'm writing this, the legislature was still meeting at 4:00 this morning, with no movement on the big bills that will drive the budget, namely SB 113 and House sub for SB 83. While they both passed the house, they died in the Senate. Even had they passed, the governor would have surely vetoed both measures and we would be back to renegotiate, so we'll see what happens when they reconvene after this 2-week recess.
- Strategic Planning – We continue to make progress toward our identified objectives and have begun to order curricula in the areas of focus. We have been communicating with stakeholders to get input on various targets.
- Negotiations Letters—exchanged on the statutory deadline, but we will not be setting up any meetings soon, pending some clarity with funding from the legislature.
- SEAC Update – Aiming for a meeting before the end of the school year.

Board Member Input

Discussed the upcoming bond issue vote on May 16th in Eudora and Baldwin.

Executive Session

Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session with the Board Members, Director Dan Wray, and Asst Director Lorelea Hubert, to discuss an individual employee's performance, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Boardroom at 7:38 p.m. Becky Plate seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board reconvened into open session.

Action on Personnel

Chris Perry made a motion to accept the Personnel Report as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 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:

Amy Roe, WES
Michelle Bradshaw, EES
Brooke Habeck, BHS

Certified:

Katelin Joslin, WES IR K/1
David Skinner, WEBS SW
Marcus Childs, EES IR 5th

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Seth Dankenbring, BHS
Kristy Hollon, WES

Certified:

Carson Miller, Eudora OT
Tyler Cleveland, EHS IR 9-12
Autumn Blakesly, EES IR 3rd
Bonnie Allen, ECKCE Integration Specialist