

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

May 11, 2021 BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held May 11, 2021, via zoom.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Susan Schiffelbein, Amanda Donovan, Dawn Whalen, Daniel Wray, Director, Lorelea Hubert, Asst. Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Lynn Reazin joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Mike Kelso joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Members Absent:

Additional Attendees:

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 regular board meeting minutes. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

Old Business

Director's Evaluation-Board President Chris Perry and Director Dan Wray met over coffee on April 27th to review his evaluation.

New Business

The Board Members and Director Dan Wray discussed the LEA Assurances IDEA Part VI-B. No action needed.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to approve the Greenbush contract for HI, VI, and O/M service for the 2021-22 school year. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to approve the ESY assignments as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to approve the ECKCE 2021-22 calendar as presented. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Director's Reports

- Personnel - A resignation was received from one of the Occupational Therapists in Eudora. The SLP and an OT position are yet to be filled, along with the elementary position at Wellsville. I am in the process of looking at options for the two specialist positions, including the possibility of hiring a COTA to cover the OT position in Eudora. This would require supervision responsibilities on the part of the current OT in Eudora, as well as developing a COTA pay schedule.
The ECE position in Eudora has been filled. The year will start with 4 classrooms and see what enrollment does. Also filled are the WMS resource position, the SW position for the Eudora/Baldwin split, as well as the Life Skills position at EMS and the WEBS position at the secondary level.
- Budget - A roughly 2% increase in assessments with the superintendents in hopes that the ESSERS monies to offset some of the other Covid-related costs and a potential increase in Federal dollars will offset the increased need for next fiscal year. We are working together to ensure that an equitable application of the monies will benefit all employees of the 4 organizations. Of course, this is a best guess at this point, and we will adjust when the picture becomes clearer, but the 2% increase will be a best-case scenario at this point for the districts and we will make a good faith effort to maintain that.
- Negotiations - No sessions have been scheduled yet-awaiting more information from the districts as to their plans.
- SEAC - No meetings are scheduled at this time.
- Indicator 13 - Files have been reviewed and submitted before the May 14th deadline.
- Indicator 20 - Eudora received a letter indicating a failure on Indicator 20 and upon further investigation it was discovered that the error was generated due to a calendar error input due to the school closures last March. By the time the error was brought to our attention, it was past the point of correction, so Eudora and ECKCE failed to meet LOD. While there are no fiscal ramifications, a DCAP will need to be generated. In addition, after numerous communications with KSDE administration, there will be a change in the way that this information is communicated with interlocals.

Executive Session

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters with the Board members and Dan Wray and Lorelea Hubert pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception for under KOMA and returning to open meeting at 8:03 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:03p.m.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters with the Board members and Dan Wray and Lorelea Hubert pursuant to the non-elected

personnel exception for under KOMA and returning to open meeting at 8:14 p.m. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters with the Board members pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception for under KOMA and returning to open meeting at 8:24 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters with the Board members pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception for under KOMA and returning to open meeting at 8:35 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters with the Board members pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception for under KOMA and returning to open meeting at 8:47 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to extend the contract for Director Dan Wray for the 2021-2022 school year. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Action on Personnel

Mike Kelso made a motion to accept the Paraprofessional and Certified resignations and hires as presented including the removal of Erica Ricke from the para-addendum list. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 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

Paraprofessionals:

Alyssa Waller, EES

Certified:

Kara Slater, SLP Wellsville *Did Not Accept Position*

Christine Schrepel, OT, Eudora

Kelly Schwartz, ECKCE Office, MIS Clerk

Hirings

Paraprofessionals:

Jennifer Wold, BPC

Tyler Cleveland, EMS

Stephanie Woods, EES

Certified:

Daniel Ruegsegger, EMS 6-8 LifeSkills

Rob Hedrick, WMS 7-8

Andrea King, Eudora West EC

Tyler Blackburn, EMS/EHS WEBS

Valerie Merriman, Eudora/Baldwin SW