

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

June 15, 2021, BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held June 15, 2021, at the Cooperative Central Office, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Susan Schiffelbein, Amanda Donovan, Mike Kelso, Lynn Reazin (joined via telephone), Daniel Wray, Director, Lorelea Hubert, Asst. Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Members Absent: Dawn Whalen

Additional Attendees:

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

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the May 11, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the May 18, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021, regular board meeting minutes and the May 18, 2021, special meeting minutes. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

Board President Chris Perry explained the concept of "Vision and Mission of ECKCE" and led a discussion with the Board members, Dan, and Lorelea about gathering input.

The Board members agreed to returning to in-person meetings at the cooperative office effective immediately.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to approve Tristan Normile as the new MIS clerk/Treasurer for ECKCE beginning July 1, 2021. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the KASB Workers Comp Member Agreement and Loyalty Program Agreement for 2021-22. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Director's Reports

- Personnel - Another resignation was received for one of our psychologist positions in Eudora. That position was filled with a candidate who applied under the statutory deadline. We were also able to fill the Wellsville Middle School teacher position, the Eudora Middle School WEBS position, the Baldwin IC position, and the OT position that we had posted. That leaves us with an SLP and one teacher at Eudora Middle school, who we are currently interviewing for.
In addition, our needs for PT have increased from a .6 position to a .8 (an additional day per week)—she has agreed to be available for that increase.
ESY staff lists – We have hired all ESY staff. No changes to the structure of the program this year.
- Budget - The Categorical Aid amount and projection for the 2021-22 school year is in, with an increase to both amounts. The increase will ensure that we will be able to hold to the original 2% increase to assessments without any additional hardship. We are still working together to try to come to an equitable application of the ESSERS monies and will continue to pursue appropriate options.
- Insurance – We are still awaiting our health insurance proposal from Aetna at the end of this month but we did get a preliminary indication that our claims ratio was up for both groups due to some COBRA participants, so we are anticipating bad news. The McInnis Group will represent us again but anticipate another probable increase. This will play a potentially significant role in our negotiations.
- Negotiations - Initial session is scheduled for next week.
- Indicator 13 - File corrections were submitted prior to the May 30 deadline. We opted to report errors we had already corrected to avoid the random file audit for verification. I anticipate no further action.
- Trauma Informed Practice Discussion – We have been made aware that there are paradigms of practice that need additional support to transform in terms of professional development. Board discussion about each of the districts' role in helping to steer the entire organization in the appropriate direction for the benefit of all the students of our participating districts is welcomed.

Executive Session

Mike Kelso made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters with the Board members, Dan Wray and Lorelea Hubert pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception for under KOMA and returning to open meeting at 8:47 p.m. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Action on Personnel

Mike Kelso made a motion to accept the Paraprofessional and Certified resignations and hires as presented. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Board President Chris Perry made a motion to adjourn. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion

passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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:

India Whitaker, EES
Christopher Dalton, BHS
Calvin Schoendaller, BHS
Isabelle Nelson, EES
Khrystyne Raine, EHS
Kevin Phenix,,EHS
Dana Chance, EHS

Certified:

Cathy Maxon, BIC
Courtney Meeks, Eudora Psych
Camille Kerr, EHS
Judy Rose, WMS
Amanda Shockley, Eudora WEBS

Hirings/Changes

Certified:

Shelly Maas, WES
McKayla Horton Eudora OT
Liz Koerner, BPC Lifeskills
Drew Steffen, EHS
Mary Ann Chambers, WMS
Brandi Potter, BPC
Hannah Clarke, Eudora Psych
Anthony Jones, BIC
Jenelle Hunnicutt, PT change from .6 to .8
Tristan Normile, ECKCE Office MIS Clerk