

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

August 10, 2021, BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held August 10, 2021, at the Performing Arts Center, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Susan Schiffelbein, Amanda Donovan, Mike Kelso, Lynn Reazin (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Daniel Wray, Director, Lorelea Hubert, Asst. Director (joined via zoom), and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Members Absent: Dawn Whalen

Additional Attendees:

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

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

Approval of the July 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the July 27, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the July 13, 2021, regular board meeting minutes and the July 27, 2021, special meeting minutes. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

Old Business

Vision and Mission of ECKCE - Director Dan Wray will reach out to Greenbush for their assistance. The Board members discussed a timeline that will likely extend beyond September, with a tentative target of October or the next available date.

Assessments - maintaining the current format. The Board members asked that the subject be revisited in January or February and added to that agenda.

New Business

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the Sunflower Music Therapy Contract for the 2021-22 school year. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Director's Reports

- Personnel - All Certified positions are filled. We are starting the school year with approximately 110 paras and still hiring more to fill openings. ESY was completed without a single case of Covid. All teachers delivered summaries of their students' participation.
- Budget - The budget is ready for submission to KSDE.
- Insurance - We have changed our insurance provider to BCBS Blue Edge due to the increase in premiums.
- Negotiations - We successfully completed negotiations resulting in an addition to the base of \$1250, which with movement provided an overall 4% increase, and some language changes to the agreement regarding leave and insurance. The only other significant change was increasing the amount for purchasing back unused sick leave from employees who have more than a ten-year tenure with us from \$50 per day to \$100.
- Indicator 14 - Completed with an 87% return rate.
- TIP Grant application – The tip Grant application was completed ahead of the September deadline. We will be receiving the full amount of \$26,430, down slightly from last year.
- IDEA Part VI-B application – Part 2 of the IDEA VI-B application was completed ahead of the August 15 deadline. This year's allocation was up slightly to \$791, 022, but the ESSERS 3 money was included as an additional allocation of \$184,654. We will wait and see how that additional money is distributed by the various districts and respond equitably.
- IDEA and Gifted File review – The review was completed ahead of the September 15 deadline and reflected 100% self-reported compliant, which will make us eligible for a random file audit. A few of the files contained information which could use more clear language and case managers were emailed to ensure that those files would be compliant if selected for the audit.
- Leadership Conference – Both Lorelea and I attended the KSDE Summer Leadership Conference at the end of July. There were many informative sessions which will help to shape our continued pandemic response with leadership and our school building teams.
- SEAC Update - Until the health department is fully supportive of in person meetings, SEAC plans are on hold. We will be holding a zoom SEAC at the end of the month.

Executive Session

Action on Personnel

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

Lynn Reazin made a motion to adjourn. Mike Kelso seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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:

Stephanie Woods, EES
Desiree Smalley, BPC
Adelynn Flory, EMS
Tarren Bingham, BHS
Ashley Firth, BJHS
Megan Hargesheimer, WES
Christie Bauer, WES

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Jennifer Greenlee, BPC
Helen Tuley, EES
Heidi Elliott, EES/WRC
Debbie Shaffar, BIC
Peyton Young, WMS/WHS
Jillian Schultz, EES
Jessican Brecheisen, BPC
Kathryn Lane, BPC
Alicia Ciszewski, EES
Rachel Halseth, EES
Skyler Gilbreth, WES
Rob Potter, WHS
Carl Springer, EMS
Karie McCollum, WES
Ashley Peterson, WES
Skyler Tillman, WHS
Ali Pfannenstiel, BHS
Vickie Miranda, EES
Lauren Brown, BPC
Katie Broyles, BPC
Madison Davis, WRC