

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

August 9, 2022, BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held August 9, 2022, at the ECKCE Office, 600 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Tony Brown, Lynn Reazin, Dawn Whalen, Amanda Donovan, Daniel Wray, Director, Lorelea Hubert (joined via Google Meet), and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

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

Additional Attendees: Sheila Vander Tuig, Jennifer Bumble

Jennifer Bumble with KUCDD presented Sheila Vander Tuig with the Iva Dean Cook Educator of the Year award for outstanding service and commitment in career education and transition of students with disabilities.

The Council for Exceptional Children also honored Sheila as one of their 100 highlighted educators as part of their 100th anniversary this year.

Sheila Vander Tuig and Jennifer Bumble left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Chris Perry made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the July 12, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Old Business

Strategic Plan Update

- Update on the new hire training held on August 1st and 2nd and Certified staff inservice held on August 9th. The Strategic Plan was presented to the employees at the inservice.
- The Board suggested that the Strategic Plan should be referenced in the ECKCE monthly newsletters to show commitment to making improvements.

Procedural Handbook - Lorelea reviewed the revised wording of the MTSS statement on page 7 under the Guiding Beliefs and Practices section. Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the handbook as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the Sunflower Music Therapy contract as presented. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Director's Report

Personnel – We have filled all of our teaching positions, including one that came up at the last minute. The teacher who could not be released from her position because she resigned past the statutory deadline withdrew her contract so we could pursue another candidate which we were successful in finding. Subsequently, a new student with a variety of needs enrolled in Wellsville, creating the need for a Life Skills program, which we will start with 5 students. We were successful in finding a teacher who will be starting this program.

We have received candidates for our paraprofessional openings, and we are looking to have the needs we are aware of staffed for by the first day of school, although the beginning of the year always results in some adjustments. I am hopeful that we will be able to use our available para resources to cover all kids' needs.

We were able to hire 2 part time SLPs who have previously worked for us to cover the needs we have with the 1.0 unfilled from a departing SLP last year. We used .95 of that allocation to cover the part time needs.

ESY – All programs were completed, and progress reports went out on all students. The compensatory services were successfully delivered to the extent that students were available so that we can begin the school year on a level footing.

Budget — Our budget is due on August 25 but is complete and ready for submission. I am waiting to do so in case there are any questions at our meeting, but it is available for your perusal prior to and after submission.

IDEA part B—Budget was submitted August 4 ahead of the August 19 deadline.

TIP Grant – I submitted the TIP grant on July 7 ahead of the August Deadline. The amount is unchanged for the FY23 window.

Indicator 11 was submitted with 100% compliance.

Indicator 13 compliance verification has occurred at all 3 districts ahead of the submission and after KSDE review we received our compliance letters for all 3.

Indicator 14 list has been completed successfully with over 50% respondents.

Contract approval – The NEA ratified their contract via email so that there would be no delays in payroll processing or need for retro pay.

SEAC Update – We are exploring dates in late August.

Board Member Input:

Loralea updated the Board about moving the WEBS MS/HS program to the West Resource building in Eudora. They have been diligently working on getting the appropriate furniture placed and transportation detail worked out. There was no safe room so the bathrooms will be converted but will utilize a classroom until this is complete.

Executive Session

Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session with the Board Members and Dan Wray and Loralea Hubert, to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Boardroom at 8:05 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board reconvened into open session.

Lynn Reazin made a motion to enter executive session with the Board Members and Dan Wray and Loralea Hubert, to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Boardroom at 8:11 p.m. Chris Perry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board reconvened into open session.

Chris Perry made a motion to enter executive session with the Board Members and Dan Wray, to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the Boardroom at 8:16 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Action on Personnel

Lynn Reazin made a motion to accept the Personnel Report as amended. Tony Brown seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Chris Perry made a motion to waive liquidated damages for Brea Jimenez. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Lynn Reazin made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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:

Karie McCollum, WES
Noah Davis, WES
Kristy Torchia, BPC
Olivia Flory, BPC
Caroline Flory, BHS
Taylor McEachron, BHS
Ali Pfannenstiel, BHS
Lois Misgadis, BHS
Cathy Maxon, Bridges
Kylee Bremer, BIC
Madison Davis, EES
Heidi Elliott, EES
Peyton Young, WES
Haley Kline, WHS

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Shai Nettles, EES
Ashley Mahaffey, BPC
Aubrey Jung, EES
Karena Jenkins, BIC
Madison Braddock, Bridges
Donna Oleson, EES
Chris Ortiz, Bridges
Lisa Redlin, EES
Debra Reed, WES
Reaghan Transmeier, EES
Danielle Lopez, WMS
Julie Hamilton, WES

Certified:

Morgan Humble, WES
Autumn Thomas, EES
LeeAnne Drake, WES
Courtney Chacon, Eudora SLP
Jean Bouse, Wellsville SLP