

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

September 12, 2023, BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held September 12, 2023, at the ECKCE Office, 608 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Tony Brown, Becky Plate (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Lynn Reazin, Amanda Donovan, Chris Perry (via Google Meet), Daniel Wray, Director, Jim Persinger, Assistant Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Board Vice President Lynn Reazin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Opening Business

Approve Agenda as Presented

Motion: Tony Brown

Second: Amanda Donovan

Motion approved 4-0

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes- August 8, 2023

Motion: Tony Brown

Second: Amanda Donovan

Motion approved 4-0

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report as Presented

Motion: Amanda Donovan

Second: Tony Brown

Motion approved 4-0

Old Business

Strategic Plan Update

Asst Director Jim Persinger explained the Stronger Connections grant application and detailed how the monies could be utilized if awarded to ECKCE, such as adding an additional SW position, some investment in existing personnel, and most of it toward social-emotional and trauma-informed training, etc. The deadline for submission is September 15th, 2023.

Director's Evaluation

The Director's Goals were sent to the Board Members prior to the meeting. The Board Members discussed how to measure the progress of those goals.

Board President Chris Perry reviewed the Director's Evaluation process. The October meeting will review, and November will wrap up and finalize.

New Business

Informational Items

The process for students being pulled out for specialized instruction was reviewed, including approximate numbers for group sizes and resource math classes for the upper grade levels.

Director's Report

- Personnel – We continue to have student needs driving additional paraprofessional openings and we have had a few new applicants/hires. We attended the Baker career fair and found a few students to fill some part time positions.
- Leadership for Tomorrow – Chris and I attended the 4th session of the Leadership for Tomorrow in Winfield and Augusta on Sept 7-8 and came back with some ideas that may aid planning for early childhood in the future.
- Audit – We have nearly completed our preliminary audit with KSDE and have verified all the typical discrepancies. The result is that we will lose a nominal amount upon completion, primarily due to early childhood ratios, which we are looking to correct for next year. Also, our independent Single-File auditor has begun the process of completing our external audit and should have that ready soon.
- IDEA and Gifted file review – After reviewing the requisite files, we held an IEP to make the requisite changes and are submitting to be 100% self-reported compliant for the district (Wellsville) in the selected cohort. We will await the random pull for the final review.
- Fiscal File Review – Wellsville was also scheduled for the fiscal file review and submitted it well before the deadline. We anticipate full compliance.
- IDEA VIB Submission – The second part of our IDEA grant was submitted before the August deadline. The grant is up slightly this year as reflected in the budget submitted on August 25.

Executive Session

Approve Personnel Report as Presented

Motion: Becky Plate
Second: Tony Brown
Motion approved 5-0

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Becky Plate
Second: Amanda Donovan
Motion approved 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 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:

Chris Ortiz, Bridges
Darchelle Welch, Bridges
Luke Richards, WMS
Elisha Howard
Lori Walker
Joni Bain, EHS
Shai Nettles, EES
Braydon Conaway, BHS
Chloe Courtney, BPC
Sarah Chambers, BPC
Seth Dankenbring, BHS
Maureen Hayes, WHS
Kristin Courtney, WEBS Elem

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Rachel Dressler, EES
Aurora Brune, EES
Kerri Steves, BPC
Shanaye McBride, BHS
Shelby Bauer, EES
Heidi Elliott, EES
Lindsey Welsh, WES
Deb Reed, WES
Carley Fairbanks, BJHS
Addison Woods, BPC Part time
Alayzah Griffin, BPC Part time
Makenna Longacre, BJHS Part time
Tavius Woodall, BJHS Part time
Elizabeth Rushmeyer, EES
Shirley Keech, EES

Certified:

Joelle Pierson, SLP Eudora, Contracted Services
Kelli Nelson, Psych Eudora, Contracted Service
Amy Hickman, Behavior Specialist All Districts