

**EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION
July 27, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING BOARD MINUTES**

The special meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held July 27, 2021, via Zoom.

Members present: Joined via Zoom: Chris Perry, Susan Schiffelbein, Amanda Donovan, Dawn Whalen, Mike Kelso, Daniel Wray, Director, Lorelea Hubert, Assistant Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Members Absent: Lynn Reazin

Additional Attendees:

Board President Chris Perry called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to approve a \$.45/ hour pay increase for the paraprofessionals for the 2021-22 school year. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to approve the 2021-22 Certified Salary Schedule and Negotiated Agreement. Mike Kelso seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Director Dan Wray reviewed the details of the health insurance renewal negotiations. After receiving alternative quotes for both the Certified and para plans, the Interlocal chose to change to the BC/BS Blue Edge plan to minimize the employees' premium increase as much as possible. The interlocal contribution to the para plan will increase to \$650/month to meet ACA affordability. The contribution to the Certified plan will remain the same.

Director Dan Wray led a discussion with the Board members and Lorelea about the assessments for the districts. He suggested simplifying the method by adding in WEBS to the overall amount and basing it on the Sept 1 student count. If the districts agree, it will require a change to the Interlocal Agreement. Right now, the approximate breakdown of the 3 are as follows: 35% Baldwin, 44% Eudora, and 20% Wellsville. Board President Chris Perry suggested tabling the discussion until all 6 members could be present. The topic will be revisited at the August or September Board meetings.

Director Dan Wray updated the Board regarding the ESSER funds. The Interlocal has approximately \$105K between the 3 districts available for pull down as of July, and another \$105K available in December. The plan is to use the funds for technology, testing supplies, and social/emotional programming for the students.

Amanda Donovan left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and returned at 8:09 p.m.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to approve the para handbook with the amendment to include the verbiage about the use of discretionary days. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to accept the para resignations and Certified hires/changes. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Dawn Whalen left the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Mike Kelso made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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:

Kelly Kordes, BJHS
Ava Davis-Leffler, EES
Denise Dietz, EES

Hires/Changes

Certified:

Andrea Reece, All Districts Behavior Specialist *change from 1.0 to .8 FTE*
Stephanie Soden Baldwin/Wellsville SLP * change from .5 to 1.0 FTE*
Zachery Greenlee EES 3rd
Marcus Childs WEBS Elementary