

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

January 14, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held January 14, 2020 at the Cooperative Central Office, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members present: Chris Perry, Susan Schiffelbein (via Google Hangouts), Mike Kelso, Lynn Reazin, Amanda Donovan (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Dawn Whalen (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Daniel Wray, Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Members Absent:

Additional Attendees: Jean Bouse, Jennifer Herrington.

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment

Jean Bouse stated that she had a few paras ask her about para pay-specifically regarding paras with longevity compared to newly hired paras. She suggested that those individuals submit a letter to address their concerns directly.

Director Daniel Wray replied that last year he had reviewed the paras and revised approximately 12-15 paras' wages to accurately reflect where they should be on the wage scale. Anyone with specific concerns should send him an email and he would investigate it.

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Approval of the December 10, 2019 Regular Board Minutes

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the December 10, 2019 regular board meeting minutes. Mike Kelso seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Approval of the Financial Report and Disbursements

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Discussion Items

Budget/Ledger Report-Line Item #14600 Computer Prog/Update-over budget. This encompasses WebKIDSS and MAPPS programs/software and some of the funds for this line item come from the TIP grant. Some of the budget items were adjusted by the auditor so next fiscal year these may be adjusted /changed.

The Physical Therapy costs this year are tracking high due to contracting the services with

Quantum and students with increased needs.

The Conference/Workshop line item #15050-over budget. This can also be funded with TIP grant money, \$150/year per certified professional is allowed. Usually, the total amount that would equal is not allocated because not all take advantage of it. Next year it could be adjusted to figure for 30% of the staff instead of the usual 10%.

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the Budget/Ledger Reports. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Old Business

Director's Evaluation-The Board selected a format (option used by Wellsville). Board President Chris Perry will make edits to the form and have Director Wray submit his goals to add to the form. A copy will then be distributed to the Board Members individually for their input at a future Board meeting.

New Business

None.

Director's Reports

- Personnel-Received a pair of Certified resignations for the 2020-21 school year, which have already been posted for. Director Dan Wray will attend the KU Career Fair on March 3rd to interview any possible candidates.
We have had some attendance issues with some paraprofessionals that have been addressed and noticed. It is anticipated that the Interlocal will need to post for 5 resource room teachers for next year, and probably the part-time PT position as well.
- Our PT is still battling with the Kansas Board of Healing Arts to approve her license. We will continue to utilize those services through Quantum Health Professionals as needed.
- Director Daniel Wray will attend the Advocacy in Action workshop in Topeka on January 15th to meet additional representative and request their support.
- Staff in-service was held at the Baldwin Intermediate Center on January 3rd. Attendance was impacted due to illness and other factors. It was a breakout session style format that was well received from the feedback returned so far.
- Still awaiting information from the lawyer on the H1B application/cap-exempt status for our Life Skills teachers in Eudora.
- SEAC-The group will meet at the Baldwin Intermediate Center on January 28th with presenters from a community agency. In addition, lobbying parents to help in the advocacy for our funding request and encouragement of our local legislative representatives.

Executive Session

Lynn Reazin made a motion to enter executive session with Director Dan Wray to discuss personnel issues, pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and return to open session at 7:54 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:54 p.m.

Action on Personnel

Lynn Reazin made a motion to accept the Certified and para resignations and para hires as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Dawn Whalen made a motion to adjourn. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 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:

Diana Evans, EES

Amanda Evans, WES

Chrissy Smith, WHS

Tyler Rutledge, WMS/WHs

Preslee Rakes, BIC

Melissa Alford, BIC

Brooke Simmons, EES

Certified:

Justin Peavey, EMS 8th IR

Kaylyn Stout, EES Autism Rm

New Hires

Paraprofessionals:

Joan Toot, WMS/WHs

Kylee Bremer, BIC

Kortney Brewster, BPC