

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

March 10, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held March 10, 2020 at the Cooperative Central Office, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members present Chris Perry, Susan Schiffelbein, Dawn Whalen, Amanda Donovan, Lynn Reazin, Daniel Wray, Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Members Absent: Mike Kelso.

Additional Attendees: Jean Bouse.

Chris Perry, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None.

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

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

Approval of the February 11, 2020 Regular Board Minutes

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the February 11, 2020 regular board meeting minutes. Susan Schiffelbein 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. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Old Business

Director's Evaluation: Director Dan Wray's goals, particularly Goal 1 and 3; while advocating at the state level is important, Dawn Whalen would like to see more options or solutions at a local level-more targeted to ECKCE. Lynn Reazin commented that transparency of financial information and assessment data should be and is presented to Board Members. Board President Chris Perry suggested for goal #3 to add language: "for the purposes of long-term planning" looking at money going forward vs. already spent.

The Members agreed that the Superintendents and Board Members should work together so all are on the same page. Board President Chris Perry requested clarification on the formality of the Director's evaluation/goals from Board Clerk Shelly McCart. Discussion will continue at the regular April meeting.

New Business

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the Quantum Physical Therapy Contract for March. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Director's Reports

- Personnel-Para positions are nearly full and their inservice hours are trickling in. The KU career fairs on March 2nd and 3rd were somewhat disappointing. However, several candidates have interviews set up for next week. The PT candidate has been unsuccessful in obtaining her licensure, but there is a promising candidate that could be a great fit if necessary.
- Budget-The assessment projections are still dismal, given that the K-12 budget committee has tabled SB 318 and has promised to address the special education funding at the very end of the session which ends on April 3. Director Dan Wray, Steve Splichal, and 7 others testified to the need for special education funding on President's day, with little immediate effect. Director Dan Wray is continuing to communicate individually and through the KASEA legislative committee with the various representative's offices to beg for reconsideration. If there is none, the negotiations between the superintendents and Director Dan Wray will determine the amount of the increase which will need to be lower to compensate for the ability of all districts to have comparable negotiating resources. His anticipation is that assessments will reflect a 7-9% increase, limiting the ability to add much if anything to our base in negotiations.
- The lawyer handling the H1B application for the Life Skills teacher in Eudora has submitted under cap exempt status but if that application is not granted, he hopes to hear back prior to the April 1 lottery date, so that he will have a second opportunity in the lottery.
- SEAC-The meeting was held on February 25th at the Eudora West building. Presenters included Families Together and Dave Powers with the WEBS program. The next meeting will be April 28th at the Intermediate Center in Baldwin.

Executive Session

Dawn Whalen made a motion to enter executive session with Director Dan Wray to discuss confidential student information, pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA and return to open session at 8:10 p.m. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:10p.m.

Lynn Reazin made a motion to enter executive session with Director Dan Wray to discuss confidential student information, pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA and return to open session at 8:16 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:16 p.m.

Lynn Reazin made a motion to enter executive session with Director Dan Wray to discuss confidential student information, pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA and return to open session at 8:22 p.m. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:22 p.m.

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the contract with Summit Behavioral for student services. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Action on Personnel

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to accept the Certified resignations as amended. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Dawn Whalen made a motion to adjourn. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 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

Certified:

Erin Fitzgerald, EES K-1
Janet Slaven, Wellsville OT
Lauren Blakeborough, Eudora OT Part-time
Eloise Kerbs, EES Life Skills 1-5
Nicole Ramirez, EES OT