

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

April 14, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held April 14, 2020 virtually via Zoom Meeting.

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

Members Absent:

Additional Attendees:

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

Public Comment

Andrea Reece, ECKCE Behavior Specialist, presented on her role with students and shared her statistics on data regarding behavior referrals year-to-date. She shared a breakdown by source, district, building, grade, type, services, and various other pertinent data. Susan Schiffelbein thanked her and inquired about the possibility of information in the future regarding how many students can remain in the general education setting with the use of these services. A copy of her complete presentation is included with these minutes.

Andrea Reece left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

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

Approval of the March 10, 2020 Regular Board Minutes and March 17, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the March 10, 2020 regular board meeting minutes and the March 17, 2020 special meeting minutes. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of the Financial Reports and Disbursements/Ledger Report

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

Board President Chris Perry asked if the COVID closure would impact the financials at all in the form of savings; Director Dan Wray replied that some could be from mileage and the student that was to be outsourced due to the fact that the facility was closed during the crisis.

Old Business

Director's Evaluation: Planned to hold at the May regular meeting. Board President Chris Perry asked Board Clerk Shelly McCart to distribute the evaluation form to the members for them to complete and return to him by May 7th so he can compile the data.

New Business

Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the LEA Assurances as presented. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Mike Kelso made a motion to approve the ECKCE 2020-21 Calendar as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to approve the KASB Legal Assistance Fund Contact as presented. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Director's Reports

- Covid -19 Update - We have responded to the school closures by working within the individual districts CLPs to the greatest extent appropriate, contacting parents of those students on IEPs and developing individual continuous learning plans that address the needs of each student. We added a form in WebKIDSS to address this, along with a PWN that lets the parent know exactly what services the students will be getting virtually while we are under the stay at home order. While each team has been conducting periodic meetings via Zoom and Google Hangouts, we have been communicating specific concerns via email and phone.
- Covid MOA-The NEA and Director Dan Wray met via ZOOM on April 2 to finalize a memorandum of agreement which addressed the COVID-19 closure impact on the negotiated agreement.
- Personnel-We have had several openings due to resignations and retirements. We have also filled all the current vacancies to date, except for the Autism Classroom teaching position and the most recently vacated WEBS administrator position. Director Dan Wray would like to entertain the idea that the replacement would also be an assistant director for the Interlocal. He will work on a job description for the position.
- Negotiations-The Association letters were exchanged on March 31 as per statute, with the understanding that there was too much uncertainty to begin negotiations any time soon.
- Evaluations-All personnel evals are ongoing as planned and it is anticipated that we will hold zoom meetings to conduct the certified summative evaluations per the normal schedule. Teachers are submitting their para evaluations which are due later this month.
- Budget-The assessment projections are still dismal, with the fallout from the recent closures and the impact of the resulting stimulus package remaining to be determined. The assessments will reflect a 3% increase to our overall operating budget, but could certainly change given what is anticipated to be an increase in revenue due to the CARES act--should that be totally targeted to general education in the state's

discernment, that assessment projection will increase, and if a portion of the CARES revenue is specifically earmarked to special education, it could remain constant or even decrease. We will have to wait for the actual numbers to be able to make any kind of accurate projection.

- Handbook revisions-Revisions are in progress and will hopefully be completed and sent to Board Members prior to the May meeting for approval.
- The lawyer handling the H1B application for our Life Skills teacher in Eudora has submitted under cap exempt status on March 30th, due to a licensing renewal delay but if that application is not granted, he hopes to have success in the lottery with extenuating circumstances. The Covid-19 outbreak may cause the Department of homeland security to extend his OPT permit while the H1B process is sorted out, as it is anticipated to be delayed.
- SEAC-Plans for meetings are on hold until the crisis is resolved.

Executive Session

None needed.

Action on Personnel

Mike Kelso made a motion to accept the Paraprofessional resignations and hires and Certified resignations and hires as amended. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Susan Schiffelbein made a motion to adjourn. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 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

Paraprofessionals:

Kori Cadue, EES

Bailie Hughes, BJHS

Certified:

Sandra Payne, BJHS

David Powers, WEBS Administrator

Alexis Hernandez, WEBS SW

Hires

Paraprofessionals:

Aubrey Mahaffey, BIC

Certified:

Barret Koch, Eudora Psych

Franchesca Williams, Eudora Life Skills

Christine Schrepel, Eudora OT

Madison Ricke, Wellsville OT

Katherine Whitmore, EES IR

Shelly Haug, EES IR