

**EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION
January 23, 2024, BOARD MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held January 23, 2024, at the ECKCE Boardroom 608 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Jamie Cox, Amanda Donovan, Deb McCullough, Zach Brooks, Claire Harding, Daniel Wray, Director, Jim Persinger, Asst. Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

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

Public Comment

Opening Business

Introductions and background information was shared by each Board member, the Director, Assistant Director, and Board Clerk.

**Chris Perry added 3e. Appointments/Designations to Opening Business
Approval of Agenda as Amended**

Motion: Claire Harding
Second: Amanda Donovan
Motion approved 6-0

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2023

Motion: Amanda Donovan
Second: Chris Perry
Motion approved 6-0

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

Motion: Amanda Donovan
Second: Deb McCullough
Motion approved 6-0

Appointments

Amanda Donovan nominated Chris Perry for President. Deb McCullough seconded. Motion approved 5-1.

Chris Perry nominated Amanda Donovan for Vice President. Jamie Cox seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Chris Perry made a motion to appoint Deb McCullough and Claire Harding as Negotiations Representatives. Amanda Donovan seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Old Business

New Director Search:

Board President Chris Perry reviewed the status thus far in the search for the new executive director. KASB has created an online survey to be distributed to staff, admins, and parents that will be open from January 25th through February 1st. On February 6th, focus groups will meet to discuss suggested characteristics in the new director.

Strategic Plan Update:

Director Dan Wray shared the updated Flippity chart and overview of the Interglobal's Strategic Plan for the new Board Members. The current timeline for updates to the progress chart is every other month.

New Business

Board President Chris Perry explained the ECKCE office set up for the new members and talked a bit about the SEAC-Special Education Advisory parent group. Dan shared basic details on where the funding comes from for ECKCE and special education: (approximate)

Categorical Aid=54%

Assessments for the member districts=32%

IDEA Part B funds=10-11%

Medicaid=3-4%

About 97% of the Interlocal budget pays for salaries and benefits.

Meeting/Interview Schedule

The Board Members discussed the upcoming schedule for the meetings and interviews.

Upcoming events are as follows:

Jan 25th - Characteristic Survey distributed (open 1/25/24 - 2/1/24)

Feb 6th - Focus groups meet during the day.

Feb 6th - Special Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Feb 13th - Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Feb 22nd, 23rd, 28th - Interview dates for candidates

Snow Day Pay for Paras

Deb McCullough made a motion to pay all the January 2024 snow days for the paras. Jamie Cox seconded. Motion approved 6-0.

Director's Report

- Personnel – We are sitting well to start the second semester, as we have had a few more para-applicants than we have had in past Decembers. We did receive a resignation for an SLP for the end of the year, which is disappointing, I will be trying to recruit candidates from the career fair in November.
- Gifted file review DCAP– Our District Corrective Action Plan for Gifted goal writing training has been achieved. The next step after the training is the collection of new data based upon IEPs written between February 15 and April 15 to check for compliance.
- Indicator 12 – We are in full compliance.
- MOE – Maintenance of Effort closed and was submitted before the January 15 deadline. We were able to pass all four tests.
- Significant Disproportionality – We were not found significantly disproportionate in any areas this year, including the 1% limit on DLM participation.
- Legislative Update – I have scheduled meetings with several of our representatives and will update you on those conversations as they occur. Suffice it to say that we are anxious to see how discussions in the various legislative committees go regarding fully funding the 92% of excess costs as statutorily required. While some are already advocates, some will be more challenging conversations, but I am looking forward to the

persuasive challenge. I am still hopeful to get some summaries from parents who have promised to advocate regarding their own children's individual circumstances to aid in this conversation.

- Negotiations Training – The annual negotiations training required by the Kansas statute is being done virtually again this year, I believe. We will need a couple of members to complete the training, although I will complete it as required sometime in January, and then not participate should the new director have completed the training and be ready to assume my place on the team. I would welcome thoughts.
- SEAC Update – Next meeting date TBD

Board Member Input

Chris explained that this part of the meeting is for members to share items from their districts.

Executive Session

Approve Personnel Report as Presented

Motion: Amanda Donovan

Second: Chris Perry

Motion approved 6-0

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Amanda Donovan

Second: Claire Harding

Motion approved 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 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:

Erika Bench, BPC

Michelle Ferris, WMS/WHS

Certified:

Shayna Messick, Eudora SLP

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Avery Bergan, BPC

Isabelle Searl, BPC

Madelyn Phillips, EHS

Amelia Neuhaus, WMS

Janell Shakoski, WES

Unofficial