

EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION

June 12, 2018 BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held June 12, 2018 at the Cooperative Central Office, Baldwin City, Kansas.

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

Members Absent: Shane Pruitt.

Additional Attendees: Eloise Kerbs, Jean Bouse, Therese Laughlin.

Mike Kelso, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment

Therese Laughlin thanked the board for listening to all the concerns regarding Jean Bouse's position change in Wellsville at the last Board meeting and taking that into consideration for the final decision. She has grandchildren in Baldwin and Wellsville schools and has seen great improvements in both due to the efforts of the special education staff.

Opening Business

Agenda Approval

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the May 8, 2018 Regular Board Minutes

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the May 8, 2018 regular board meeting minutes. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Approval of the Financial Report and Disbursements

Lynn Reazin made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Old Business

- Lynn Reazin made a motion approve the revised ECKCE Procedural Handbook. Susan Schiffelbein seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- Lynn Reazin made a motion to table the revised Interlocal Agreement until the July meeting. Dawn Whalen seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

- Dawn Whalen made a motion to approve the Greenbush contract for Hearing and Visually Impaired, and Orientation and Mobility Services. Lynn Reazin seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Director's Reports

- Paraprofessionals-we have processed several transfer requests and resignations, but have received many applications so we should be fully staffed at the start of next year.
- A recommendation for Liz Knowles to fill the position of Behavior Specialist position. She comes from Nashville Public Schools with MTSS and building Behavior Support.
- A resolution was made for the SLP position in Wellsville. The current SLP will work 3 days a week in Wellsville, retaining some of her current caseload at the elementary, and 2 days a week in Eudora.
- We still have open positions in the Autism classroom, the 7th grade resource room at Baldwin Junior High, and a .5 Gifted Coordinator. The interview process has begun and hope to have candidates by the July meeting. Also, a late resignation of a school psychologist in Baldwin. This will be a challenge to fill, but there are some possible alternative creative options to be explored.
- ESY has begun and will run for 2 weeks in June and 2 weeks in July following the week of Independence Day.
- Still awaiting the Supreme Court response of the latest funding proposal. The State notified us that they are decreasing funds by approximately \$240 per FTE, so the funds we were expecting in June will be decreased by \$30,000. Additionally, estimates for next year were adjusted downward which will be a decrease of \$80,000 in revenue. So, this means that assessments will likely increase slightly. We will know more after the decision on the 15th.
- Audit adjustments are still being contested from KSDE, with the most recent amount down to \$16k in their favor. We will have finality on this by July.
- Negotiations have been on hold; however, we should set a time in the next few weeks to begin discussions as the districts are moving forward.
- The health insurance renewal has not yet been received from BC/BS and we have been told it will be to us by July. We anticipate an increase due to the number of claims vs premiums ratio.
- SEAC-Special Education Advisory Council formation for the purpose of building an effective parent partnership focusing on parent education and advocacy as well as providing a venue for open dialogue. The group will meet beginning in August.

Action on Personnel

Lynn Reazin made a motion to accept the paraprofessional and certified resignations and hires as presented. Dawn Whalen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dawn Whalen made a motion to adjourn. Lynn Reazin seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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:

Laurie Temple, BIC
Sierra Wilson, EES
Perry Fletcher, BHS
Elliott Stiefel, WEBS
Sherry Christopher, WES
Caleb Pokorny, EMS
Kathy Seimears, WHS
Chandra Sepers, EES
Rebekah Vann, EES
Gyer Vierthaler, BIC
Jayci Devito, BJHS
Khelsey Corrigan, EES
Shanaye McBride, EMS

Certified:

Lindsay Galindo, BPC/BIC Psych

New Hires/Changes

Paraprofessionals:

Sarah Baldwin, EMS
Dixie Bonner-Miller, EES
Katherine Koch, EES
Michelle Brady, EES

Certified:

Jean Bouse, Wellsville 3 days/Eudora 2 days SLP
Rachel Hamm, WES SLP
Liz Knowles, All Districts, Behavior Specialist