

**EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE
IN EDUCATION--INTERLOCAL #614
December 11, 2013 - Board Minutes**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held December 11, 2013 at Cooperative Central Office, Baldwin City, Kansas. Members present were Mike Kelso, Chad Christie, Susan Rader, Juanita Peckham, Greg Kruger and Belinda Rehmer.

Mike Kelso, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment

Loretta Lauinger, Cooperative IRR teacher, spoke to the Board regarding teacher organization that is being formed and the required number of members they have accumulated to be recognized as a union.

H.J. Heistand, Director of KNEA Prairie Fire Uniserv, addressed the Board about developing a good relationship between the Board and the teachers organization once the organization has been recognized.

Opening Business

Changes, Additions and Adoptions of the Agenda

No changes

Approval of the November 13th Board minutes

Belinda Rehmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting as presented. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 5-0-1 vote. Mike Kelso abstained due to not being present at the meeting.

Approve of the Financial Report and Disbursements

Juanita Peckham made a motion to accept the financial report and disbursements as presented. Belinda Rehmer seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

Old Business

Handbook Review

Patti informed the board that the review of the handbook is finished and requested the Board to approve the final draft.

Chad Christie made a motion to approve the final draft as presented. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

Move to Office

Patti reported that the office move has again been delayed to January 9, 2014.

WEBs Location for next year

It has been recommended that the WEBs program remain in Eudora for one more year and the Bridges program remain in Baldwin. This item has been tabled for January's board meeting.

New Business

Plans for Health Insurance

The Cooperative will be conducting a survey of the paraeducators in the Spring and collecting health histories of those wanting to participate in the health insurance in order to calculate the 2014-2015 increase of the budget.

Teachers Organization

Juanita Peckham made a motion to table the vote for a special meeting to confer with KASB. Chad Christie seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

Knights of Columbus Donation

Juanita Peckham approved accepting the \$320 donation from Knights of Columbus and extended a thank you very much to them. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

Director's Reports

Patti gave the Board members an informative spreadsheet categorizing IEP exceptionalities and service minutes currently provided by Cooperative teachers and special service providers.

Executive Session to discuss personnel issues

Susan Rader made a motion to go into an executive session for 20 minutes at 8:15 pm without Patti Bishop for the purpose of conducting the director's evaluation. Chad Christie seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:35 pm.

Susan Rader made a motion to go into an executive session for 10 minutes at 8:35 pm with Patti Bishop for the purpose of conducting the director's evaluation. Juanita Peckham seconded the vote. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:45 pm.

Belinda Rehmer made a motion to go into an executive session for 10 minutes at 8:46 pm with Patti to discuss assistive tech issues. Chad Christie seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:56 pm.

Action on Personnel

Juanita Peckham made a motion to accept the paraeducator resignations of Lisa Fowler, EES; Kyra Ramsey, BHS; Autumn Weiss, BHS; Christina Partridge, WHS and Christopher Joly, WMS. Chad Christie seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

Belinda Rehmer made a motion to approve hiring the following paraeducator: Andrea Ball, EES; Carissa Hawkinson, EES; Britian Kennington-Chesang, EES and Carey Lantis, B-IC. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

Adjournment

Juanita Peckham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chad Christie seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

These minutes are subject to final approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By
Sue Martin, Clerk of the Board