

## **EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION**

### **June 11, 2014 BOARD MINUTES**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held June 11, 2014 at the Cooperative Central Office, Baldwin City, Kansas. Members present were Mike Kelso, Juanita Peckham, Susan Rader, Greg Kruger, Belinda Rehmer, Chad Christie, Patti Bishop, Director and Sue Martin, Clerk of the Board. Also present was Nikki Tiller, Baldwin Board member replacing Chad Christie beginning with the July Board meeting.

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

#### **Opening Business**

##### **Changes, Additions and Adoptions to the Agenda**

Patti Bishop recommended tabling Item C. Approve ECKCE Calendar under New Business until next month's meeting. She also requested to add Item I. Paraeducator Evaluations under New Business. Belinda Rehmer made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Greg Kruger seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

##### **Approval of the May 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Board minutes**

Juanita Peckham made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2014 board meeting. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

##### **Approval of the Financial Report and Disbursements**

Juanita Peckham made a motion to approve the financial report and disbursements as presented. Chad Christie seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Extended School Year Update**

Patti informed the Board that ESY was in full swing and running smoothly at this point.

Patti gave the members the projected FY15 Budget and District Assessments. Chad Christie made a motion to accept the budget and assessment for FY15 as presented.

#### **New Business**

##### **Discuss/Approve Para Wages**

Patti recommended adding 10 cents to the base of the Paraeducator wage schedule for 2014-2015. Belinda Rehmer made a motion to approve the 10 cent increase to the base. Greg Kruger seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

##### **Approve Office Staff Contracts**

Juanita Peckham made a motion to approve the following FY15 staff contracts:

Brenda Munding – IMC/Paraeducator Facilitator  
Kelly Schwartz – MIS Clerk  
Sue Martin – Clerk of the Board

Belinda Rehmer seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

##### **Approve ECKCE Calendar**

Tabled until Wellsville calendar is approved

### **Approve Bert Nash Contract**

Patti recommended increasing the Bert Nash contracted social worker time for WEBS to 30 hours per week for the 2014-2015 school year. Belinda Rehmer made a motion to approve the contract with Bert Nash as recommended. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

### **Approve KASB Membership**

Chad Christie made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 KASB Membership renewal. Greg Kruger seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

### **Approve Sarah Niileksela Music Therapist Contract**

Juanita Peckham made a motion to approve a contract for Sarah Niileksela, Music Therapist for FY15, at the FY14 rate. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

### **Approve PT Contract through Quantum**

Patti informed the Board that Quantum could provide a Physical Therapist at \$58/hour, 15-20 hours per Week for FY15. Chad Christie made a motion to approve the PT contract through Quantum. Greg Kruger seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

### **Discuss Para Payroll Options**

It was brought to the Boards' attention that paying Paraeducators over a 12 month period by averaging their hourly wages could be a violation of the Department of Labor law. This option will be deleted in the policy handbook for approval at next month's board meeting.

### **Paraeducator Evaluations**

Patti has recommended to the Board that teachers no longer be required to evaluate Paraeducators annually and would like that deleted from the Board Policy Handbook. Changes will be made for next month's meeting.

### **Director's Reports**

- There are still two certified staff positions to fill.
- Ty Pattison, new WEBS Admin and Patti went to Chanute, KS to observe an alternative program.

### **Executive Session**

Belinda Rehmer made a motion to go into an executive session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Patti Bishop at 8:13 pm. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 Vote.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:23 pm.

### **Action on Personnel – Accept Resignations**

Juanita Peckham made a motion to accept the following Paraeducator resignations:

Kim Farmer – Baldwin PC  
Chelsea Grammer – Eudora Elementary  
Michelle Roberts – Baldwin Jr High

Greg Kruger seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

**Approve New Hires**

Juanita Peckham made a motion to approve the following FY15 contracts as presented:

**LPN**

Amy Wilkes - Wellsville

**Certified Staff**

Amanda Garrison – EHS

Kathryn Lane – EES

Theresa Maynard – EES

**Paraeducators**

Tiffany Basel - EES

Ashley Bower – EES

Megan Braden – EES

Dawn Strahan – EES

Lynette Weidler - EES

Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

**Negotiations Executive Session**

Juanita Peckham made a motion to go into an executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Patti Bishop and Nikki Tiller, for 10 minutes at 8:31 pm. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:41 pm.

Juanita Peckham made a motion to go back into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Patti Bishop and Nikki Tiller, for 15 minutes at 8:42 pm. Susan Rader seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:57 pm.

Juanita Peckham made a motion to adjourn. Belinda Rehmer seconded the motion. It passed with a 6-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted By  
Sue Martin, Clerk of the Board