

**EAST CENTRAL KANSAS COOPERATIVE IN EDUCATION
June 18, 2024, BOARD MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the East Central Kansas Cooperative in Education Board of Directors was held June 18, 2024, at ECKCE, 608 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas.

Members Present: Chris Perry, Amanda Donovan, Zach Brooks, Claire Harding, Deb McCullough, Susan Schiffelbein (sub for Baldwin), Daniel Wray, Director, Jim Persinger, Asst Director, and Shelly McCart, Clerk of the Board.

Additional attendees: Lee Hanson

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

Public Comment

Opening Business

Add 6b. July Meeting Date Discussion, 4d. SLP Stipend Increase, and 5a. ECKCE website Approval of Agenda as Amended

Motion: Chris Perry

Second: Claire Harding

Motion approved 6-0

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2024

Motion: Claire Harding

Second: Amanda Donovan

Motion approved 6-0

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

Motion: Claire Harding

Second: Amanda Donovan

Motion approved 6-0

Old Business

Strategic Plan Update:

Director Dan Wray presented an updated flippity chart showing the values for each targeted area. The student survey was not updated as the timing would be better after summer break.

Para Pay Increase for 2024-25 school year:

Director Dan Wray proposed a \$.50/hour raise for the paraprofessionals; the Board tabled the discussion until the July meeting to verify all revenue still outstanding for June.

Interlocal Agreement:

Director Dan Wray wants to review the agreement in more detail with Lee before revising and presenting it to the Board. This item will be tabled until the July meeting. Board members should send their questions/comments/suggestions to Lee so she can address them and adjust accordingly if necessary.

Increase SLP stipend from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for the 2024-25 school year

Motion: Claire Harding

Second: Deb McCullough

Motion approved: 6-0

New Business

Asst. Director Jim Persinger shared information and visuals on the progress of the revision of the ECKCE website. It will change from WordPress to Google Sites and offer resources for the staff to utilize for Human Resources, documents, and helpful information for parents. A soft launch will occur prior to staff inservices starting in August.

Discussion/Informational Items

Director Dan Wray reviewed his Assessment Rationale PowerPoint and discussed current budget projections.

The Board Members discussed conflicts with the July 9th meeting date, and an agreement was made to move it to July 16th, 2024.

Director's Report

- Personnel – We currently have two vacancies at the elementary level, one in Eudora for the Autism classroom, and one at Wellsville for the blended resource room position. Lee and I are in discussion for solutions to both of those situations and I feel hopeful that we will arrive at a good solution for both.
- IDEA VI-B Budget – We received approval on Wednesday for our preliminary budget as anticipated.
- Budget update – While I had initially hoped to decrease assessments, our budget will not currently support that decrease, due to rising personnel costs and some MOE restraints.
- Negotiations – Another meeting is scheduled for June 19th.
- Insurance rates – While the districts who are a part of the consortium received hefty rate increase proposals, we are still awaiting our quote; we are hopeful that our rates will be static this year.
- Handbook revisions are being finalized and should be ready for the July session. A copy of the revisions will be sent out for your review and input.

Board Member Input

Approve Personnel Report as Presented

Motion: Chris Perry

Second: Deb McCullough

Motion approved 6-0

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Claire Harding

Second: Deb McCullough

Motion approved 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

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Action on Personnel

Resignations

Paras:

Jessica Tyler, BJHS

Certified:

Val Lamont, EES - EC

Hirings/Changes

Paras:

Julie Cohorst, EMS
(Karl) Charlie Spear, ESY only

Certified:

Joy Mapes, Baldwin/Eudora SW

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