

February 14, 2011

BROWN COUNTY KANSAS SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERLOCAL #615
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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2011

(These minutes are not official until approved at the March 14, 2011 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular February Board of Education meeting at 5:30 p.m. on February 14, 2011 at the USD 415 Board Office in Hiawatha.

CALL TO ORDER

President Venice Sloan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Butch Trabuc, BCK-SEI Director
Gregg Dishon, USD 430 Board Member
Denise Elffner, USD 415 Board Member
Steve Lock, USD 415 Board Member
Venice Sloan, USD 430 Board Member
John Wright, USD 415 Board Member
Amy Larson, Board Clerk

Those absent were:

Jason Smith, USD 430 Board Member
Carol Strecker, Personnel Development Facilitator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Denise Elffner moved to approve the agenda. Steve Lock seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no comments from the president.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Lock moved to accept the consent agenda. Denise Elffner seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

The consent agenda included:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2011 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of the Bills for the Month of February 2011.
3. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of February 2011.

ACTION TO DECLARE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

Director Trabuc stated that Jonathan Barnes at USD 430 has BCK-SEI computers and equipment that are no longer usable. There are computers at the Annex that are no longer usable as well. USD 430 is able to recycle computers and Director Trabuc asked that these computers be declared as surplus property. There was discussion that followed.

John Wright moved to declare the computers and computer equipment as surplus property and dispose of the computers and computer equipment. Steve Lock seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Special Education Funding Update

Director Trabuc stated that Dr. Davies, John Severin, Venice Sloan, Steve Lock, Amy Larson and he listened in to a conference call from Dale Dennis regarding special education funding earlier in the month. Because of federal Maintenance of Effort rules, the state is sending legislation through in 2010-2011 to increase special education funding for 2010-2011. The state is also sending legislation through to increase special education funding for 2011-2012 to replace the ARRA federal grant money that ends in 2010-2011. There was discussion that followed.

Medicaid Progress

Director Trabuc stated that Brown County Special Education continues billing for Medicaid. Because attendant care is no longer a billable service, Brown County Special Education has seen a decrease in Medicaid reimbursement in 2010-2011. There was discussion that followed.

Approval of Tiny-K Memorandum of Agreement

Director Trabuc presented the board members with a Tiny-K memorandum of agreement for services to students from birth to three years old. There was discussion that followed.

Denise Elffner moved to approve the Tiny-K Memorandum of Agreement. Steve Lock seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

Para Report

Carol Strecker was absent; therefore, Director Trabuc gave the para report. There are currently 70 paras employed with Brown County Special Education. The paras who had to take the test to become highly qualified took the test last week, and all the paras passed the test. The 2011 summer school has been slated for June 6, 2011 – July 1, 2011. There was discussion that followed.

Director Trabuc added some more items to his Director's Report to review with the board members.

Director Trabuc stated that BCK-SEI had been searching for mini vans to replace some of the older mini vans the Interlocal currently has. The Interlocal had found a 2010 Chrysler Town and Country van out of Fort Worth, Texas with 30,732 miles for \$16,155. The Interlocal had found another Chrysler Town and Country van out of Louisville, Kentucky with 29,626 miles for \$16,606.50. After discussion, John Wright moved to purchase both vans. Steve Lock seconded the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Director Trabuc will continue to search for a handicap accessible mini bus.

Director Trabuc stated that of the TIP Grant the Interlocal receives every year, there was a stipend added to the grant for administrative professional development. Per state rules, the grant can be used for the special education director or his designee(s) for professional development training. The stipend was awarded to the Interlocal for achieving the Levels of Determination on the State Performance Plan.

Director Trabuc discussed with the BCK-SEI board members the need for SMART boards in the elementary school and middle school special education classrooms. After discussion, Director Trabuc is going to look into the cost of purchasing SMART boards.

Director Trabuc also had a lengthy discussion with the board members the need for 4-6 additional special education teachers serving USD 415 and USD 430. There was lengthy discussion that followed. Denise Elffner moved to allow the director to advertise for special education teachers. Gregg Dishon seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS AND NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

At 6:30 pm, Denise Elffner moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations and non-elected personnel. Steve Lock seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed and to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract. Those present for executive session were Butch Trabuc, Gregg Dishon, Denise Elffner, Steve Lock, Venice Sloan, and John Wright. At 6:35 pm, Denise Elffner moved to go into a second executive session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations and non-elected personnel. Steve Lock seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Those present for the second executive session were Butch Trabuc, Gregg Dishon, Denise Elffner, Steve Lock, Venice Sloan, and John Wright. At 6:40 pm, Butch Trabuc exited executive session. At 6:40 pm, Denise Elffner moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiations and non-elected personnel. Steve Lock seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Those present during the executive session were Gregg Dishon, Denise Elffner, Steve Lock, Venice Sloan and John Wright. At 6:45, the board came out of executive session.

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ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Denise Elffner moved to hire Amy Mueller and Teresa Blanton and accept the resignation of Jamie Vonderschmidt. Steve Lock seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

OTHER

There was no other business at this time.

ADJOURN

Denise Elffner moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Gregg Dishon seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011 at the USD 430 Board Office in Horton.

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