

January 7, 2026

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

January 7, 2026

(These minutes are not official until approved at the February 4, 2026 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular January Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 7, 2026 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

CALL TO ORDER

Shelby Rice called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

John West, Director
Jon Boller, USD 430 Board Member
Rex Lockwood, USD 430 Board Member
Shelby Rice, USD 430 Board Member
Brooklyn Schuetz, USD 415 Board Member
Jacquie Spihlmann, USD 415 Board Member
Shana Steinlage, Marshall/Nemaha County Coop Director
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager

Those absent were:

Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Brooklyn Schuetz moved to approve the agenda. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Shana Steinlage introduced herself to the board as the mentor for John West through the KELI program. As part of the mentoring program, she observes him at a board meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shelby Rice thanked Shana Steinlage for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Resignations for Michele Seegrist and Ginny Herrera were added to the consent agenda.

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to approve the consent agenda with the added resignations. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Included in the consent agenda was:

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 9, 2025 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the bills for the month of January 2026.
3. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of January 2026.
4. Approve the resignations of para Michele Seegrist and IRC Instructor Ginny Herrera (effective end of 2025-26 school year).

KASB BOARD POLICY UPDATES

Director West stated there were some changes to board policy updates BCBS Executive Session; BG Membership; IKB Controversial Issues; JCAC Interrogation and Investigation; JDDC Bullying Plan; KM Visitors to the School. There was review and discussion that followed.

Rex Lockwood moved to approve the board policy updates as presented. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director West stated that the cargo van and car have been recommended by USD 415 bus barn to no longer be used. The car is still able to be driven. Brakes on all vehicles need to be replaced. The cargo van had brakes replaced in Everest.
- Director West reviewed staffing concerns. There will be certified staff openings at Hiawatha High IRC and Horton Elementary IRC for 2026-27.
- Director West stated that para needs continue as well.
- Director West stated that a PreK integration meeting with Dr. Kramer, staff, a state employee and himself will occur later in January with a PreK integrated preschool observation also following later in the month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

OTHER

There was no other business.

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ADJOURN

Rex Lockwood moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

_____, Board _____, President	_____, Clerk
_____, Date	_____, Date