

May 8, 2025

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

May 8, 2025

(These minutes are not official until approved at the June 4, 2025 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held a regular May Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 8, 2025 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

CALL TO ORDER

Roni Tietjens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Becky Shamburg, Director of Special Education
Jon Boller, USD 430 Board Member
Rex Lockwood, USD 430 Board Member
Shelby Rice, USD 430 Board Member
Ian Schuetz, USD 415 Board Member
Jacquie Spihlmann, USD 415 Board Member
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member
Connie Hale, Supervisor/Coordinator
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager
Kendelle Runer, ECSE Instructor
Dr. Becky Kramer, USD 430 Superintendent

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Shamburg requested to add minutes from May 6, 2025 and May 7, 2025 to the consent agenda. Ian Schuetz moved to approve the revised consent agenda. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six 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 THE CONSENT AGENDA

Rex Lockwood moved to approve the revised consent agenda. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Items on the consent agenda are:

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 3, 2025 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the minutes of the April 23, 2025 special board meeting.
3. Approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2025 special board meeting.
4. Approval of the minutes of the May 7, 2025 special board meeting.
5. Approval of the bills for the month of May 2025.
6. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of May 2025.

HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

Director Shamburg stated that the KEIT board is still in the process of health insurance vendor selection. A decision is hoped to be made before the end of May.

REPORT FROM CONNIE HALE

Connie Hale reported she has had seven autism referrals with only one as significant. She has had nine Infant-Toddler referrals. The RTAP program will continue into 2025-2026 with two apprentices with some funding continuing for the RTAP program through KSDE. April and May are appreciation months for staff. Connie Hale also announced her retirement. There will be a retirement reception on May 20 for Connie Hale and Staci Campbell.

Jacque Spihlmann moved to begrudgingly accept the retirement of Connie Hale after 32 years of dedicated service. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Shamburg stated the Levels of Determination letters were received from KSDE for USD 415 and USD 430. The Interlocal has met levels in both districts which is the highest standard to achieve.

Director Shamburg discussed staffing with the board members. Within USD 430, certified special education teachers are fully staffed. There will be at least one para position to fill at Everest Middle School and paras needed for the elementary school as well. Within USD 415, certified special education teachers are fully staffed. There will be para positions to fill at Hiawatha Middle School due to students moving from the elementary school to the middle school. There will be para positions to fill at Hiawatha Elementary School.

Director Shamburg stated that Hiawatha Hospital cancelled physical therapy services for 2025-2026 due to staffing. Director Shamburg has been researching options for physical therapists.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL, NEGOTIATIONS, STUDENT PERSONNEL

At 6:15 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, student personnel, and negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:45 pm. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy of those individuals discussed, to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable, and to ensure a fair and equitable contract. Those present for the executive session were Becky Shamburg, Connie Hale, Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Ian Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:45 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive sessions for 15 minutes, 15 minutes, and 5 minutes. Jon Boller seconded and the motions passed with votes of six to zero. At 7:20 pm, the board came out of executive session.

POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to ratify the temporary master agreement. Jon Boller seconded the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to approve the speech language pathologist agreements for the 25-26 school year as discussed. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to approved related service contracts. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

At 7:22 pm, Connie Hale and Becky Shamburg left the room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

At 7:22 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 7:37 pm. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy of those individuals discussed. Those present for the executive session were Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Ian Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, Roni Tietjens, and Dr. Becky Kramer. At 7:37 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive sessions for 5 minutes, 10 minutes, and 5 minutes. Jon Boller seconded and the motions passed with votes of six to zero. Dr. Becky Kramer left executive session at 7:52 pm. At 7:57 pm, the board came out of executive session.

POSSIBLE ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to hire John West as director of Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 on a one-year contract. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

ADJOURN

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

_____, Board
_____, President _____, Clerk

_____, Date _____, Date