

April 1, 2026

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

April 1, 2026

(These minutes are not official until approved at the May 6, 2026 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular April Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 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
Mitch Brown, USD 415 Board Member
Rex Lockwood, USD 430 Board Member
Shelby Rice, USD 430 Board Member
Brooklyn Schuetz, USD 415 Board Member
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Roni Tietjens moved to approve the agenda. Brooklyn Schuetz 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 CONSENT AGENDA

Para hires of Shandrika Bates (Horton High) and Mallory Pope (HMS) as part-time paras were added to the consent agenda.

Roni Tietjens moved to approve the consent agenda with the changes as presented. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Included in the consent agenda was:

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2026 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the bills for the month of April 2026.
3. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of April 2026.
4. Approve the hires of Naveigh Williams, IRC Para for 2026-27 as well as Shandrika Bates (Horton High) and Mallory Pope (HMS) as part-time paras for 2025-26.
5. Accept the resignations Jessica Chartier and Adakis Moppin, IRC Paras; Shane Karst, IRC Instructor; Beth Jensen, Long-Term Substitute Teacher

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2026-27 KASB DUES

The 2026-27 KASB membership dues remained the same; however, the Legal Assistance Fund dues increased \$350 to \$3,100. There was discussion that followed.

Roni Tietjens moved to approve the 2026-27 KASB membership and legal assistance fund dues as presented. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Special education categorical aid will increase \$6,000,000 in 2026-27 but will be affected by inflation.
- Mr. West is communicating with board members and staff via emails as well as attending IEP meetings for the communication goal.
- Integrated preschool is moving forward in both districts.
- Summer school speech language therapist has been found.
- Mr. West will be attending another conference during April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

At 6:12 pm, Roni Tietjens moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:17 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz 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 John West, Jon Boller, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:17 pm, the board came out of executive session.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Roni Tietjens moved to hire Kyndra Lay as a special education kindergarten teacher at Hiawatha Elementary School for the 2026-27 school year. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS

At 6:20 pm, Roni Tietjens moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss employee-employer negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:17 pm. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The executive session was necessary to ensure a fair and equitable contract. Those present for the executive session were John West, Jon Boller, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:30 pm, Roni Tietjens moved to go into a second executive session for 5 minutes to discuss employee-employer negotiations under KOMA and reconvene at 6:30 pm. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Those present for the executive session were John West, Jon Boller, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:35 pm, the board came out of executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS DIRECTOR'S EVALUATION

At 6:37 pm, Brooklyn Schuetz moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss director's evaluation under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:47 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, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:47 pm, Brooklyn Schuetz moved to go into a second executive session for 5 minutes to discuss director's evaluation under KOMA and reconvene at 6:52 pm. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Those present for the executive session were Jon Boller, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:52 pm, John West entered executive session and Brooklyn Schuetz moved to go into two executive sessions for 5 minutes each to discuss director's evaluation under KOMA and reconvene at 7:02 pm. Jon Boller seconded and the motions passed with a vote of six to zero. Those present for the executive sessions were John West, Jon Boller, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 7:02 pm, the board came out of executive session.

OTHER

There was no other business.

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 7:03 p.m.

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

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