

March 5, 2025

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

March 5, 2025

(These minutes are not official until approved at the April 2, 2025 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular March Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 5, 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
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
Lonnie Moser, USD 415 Superintendent
Connie Hale, Supervisor/Coordinator
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager

Those absent were:

Jon Boller, USD 430 Board Member

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Shamburg requested to add “hire Staci Campbell as 2025 summer school teacher” and “hire Shane Karst as IRC teacher at Hiawatha Middle School pending Kansas licensure” to the consent agenda.

Ian Schuetz moved to approve the revised agenda. Rex Lockwood 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 THE CONSENT AGENDA

Ian Schuetz moved to approve the revised consent agenda. Shelby Rice 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 February 5, 2025 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the February 26, 2025 special board meeting.
3. Approval of the Bills for the month of March 2025.
4. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of March 2025.
5. Accept the resignation of Staci Campbell, HMS Special Education Teacher effective July 1, 2025.
6. Hire Staci Campbell as June 2025 summer school teacher.
7. Hire Shane Karst as IRC teacher at Hiawatha Middle School, pending Kansas licensure.

CONNIE HALE'S REPORT

Connie Hale reported:

- There have been six autism referrals this year with two as significant.
- There have been nine Tiny-K/Infant-Toddler referrals this year compared to twenty-three last year. Even though the number of referrals decreased this year, the severity of needs has increased.
- Within the RTAP program, both Sherri Nelson and Becca Beecham are doing well.
- All but two teacher evaluations have been conducted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Shamburg stated the Interlocal is switching from American Fidelity to KBS for 2025-2026 employee supplemental insurance provider.
- There was discussion about the annex building with Director Shamburg, board members, and Superintendent Moser. The costs of building repairs, maintenance, and utilities for the annex continue to rise. The Hiawatha USD 415 board office has empty offices for special education office and administrative personnel to use. There was discussion regarding logistics of special education file cabinets and space needed. There will be discussion of the location of future board meetings once the move has occurred.
- Director Shamburg stated special education summer school will be in both districts so special education students remain among their peers.
- Director Shamburg stated that a job opening within the Interlocal includes a Kindergarten position at Hiawatha Elementary that was not able to be filled this school year. There is a possibility to interview a person to work half special education kindergarten and half special education preschool. There is one definite retirement at Hiawatha Middle School. The state

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statute for teacher resignations is 14 calendar days after the third Friday in May. In 2025, that date is May 30, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE NON-ELECTED EMPLOYEES AND NEGOTIATIONS

At 6:30 pm, Ian Schuetz moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss employees per non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and reconvene at 6:40 pm. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy of those individuals discussed and to ensure a fair and equitable contract. Those present for the executive session were Becky Shamburg, Connie Hale, Lonnie Moser, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Ian Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:40 pm, Ian Schuetz moved to go into a second executive session for 5 minutes to discuss employees per non-elected personnel exemption under KOMA, and negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA. Those present for the second executive session were Becky Shamburg, Connie Hale, Lonnie Moser, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Ian Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:45 pm, the board came out of executive session.

POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to renew office staff contracts for 2025-26 with the exception of Director Shamburg since Director Shamburg resigned effective June 30, 2025. Ian Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

OTHER

There was no other business to discuss.

ADJOURN

Rex Lockwood moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Ian Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

Board		
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_____	, Date	_____ , Date