

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

December 9, 2025

(These minutes are not official until approved at the January 7, 2026 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular December Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on December 9, 2025 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
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member
Ginny Herrera, IRC Instructor
Kendelle Runer, ECSE Instructor
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to approve the agenda. Rex Lockwood 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

Brooklyn Schuetz moved to approve the consent agenda. Roni Tietjens 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 November 5, 2025 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the bills for the month of December 2025.
3. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of December 2025.
4. Approve the hires of paras Michele Seegrist (HMS) and Sophia Tellez (EMS).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director West stated that Motormouth terminated services effective December 31, 2025 due to lack of qualified personnel. The Interlocal will start using Huddle Up effective January 1, 2026.
- Director West stated that education degrees along with other degrees are no longer considered professional degrees by the federal government.
- Director West stated that negotiations for 2026-27 plan to start by spring 2026.
- Director West stated he is in discussion with a speech/language pathologist to work for Brown County Special Education in 2026-2027.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

At 6:04 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA and reconvene at 6:09 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, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:09 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive sessions for 5 minutes and 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA and reconvene at 6:24 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The executive sessions were necessary to protect the privacy of those individuals discussed. Those present for the executive sessions were John West, Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. Amy Larson entered executive session at 6:09 pm. John West and Amy Larson exited executive session at 6:14 pm. Amy Larson entered executive session at 6:23 pm. At 6:24 pm, the board came out of executive session.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to add Sherri Nelson to a certified staff contract effective January 1, 2026. Roni Tietjens seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to extend John West's contract through the 2026-2027 school year. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to approve the raise for Leanna Streeter as presented. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

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Jacquie Spihlmann moved to ratify the 2025-2026 master agreement. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

OTHER

Vickie Schuetz has been formally approved in the RTAP effective spring semester 2026.

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 6:29 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

Board

_____, President

_____, Clerk

_____, Date

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