

May 1, 2024

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

May 1, 2024

(These minutes are not official until approved at the June 5, 2024 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular May Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 1, 2024 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

CALL TO ORDER

Roni Tietjens called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Becky Shamburg, Director
Rex Lockwood, USD 430 Board Member
Shelby Rice, USD 430 Board Member
Jacquie Spihlmann, USD 415 Board Member
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member
Amy Larson, Board Clerk
Kendelle Runer, IRC Instructor

Those absent were:

Jon Boller, USD 430 Board Member
Ian Schuetz, USD 415 Board Member
Connie Hale, Supervisor Coordinator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Shamburg requested to add resignation of Paige Romine and retirement of Gwen Weir, both paras, to item 5 of the Consent Agenda. Shelby Rice moved to approve the revised agenda. Jacquie Spihlmann seconded and the motion passed with a vote of four 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

Jacque Spihlmann moved to approve the consent agenda. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of four to zero. Included in the consent agenda was:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the April 3, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 10, 2024 Special Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Bills for the Month of May 2024.
4. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of May 2024.
5. Accept the resignations of paras Jordan Veach and Paige Romine as well as retirement resignations of paras Cathy Robert and Gwen Weir.
6. Approve the rehire of School Psychologist Leanna Streeter.

2024-25 PRELIMINARY BCK-SEI BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Director Shamburg reviewed the preliminary 2024-25 board meeting schedule. The board meets on the first Wednesday of each month. After discussion, the board decided to keep the July 2024 board meeting date as July 3, 2024.

Jacque Spihlmann moved to approve the 2024-25 preliminary BCK-SEI board meeting schedule. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of four to zero.

HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

Director Shamburg stated that the McInnes Group is being patient with the new leadership at Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The KEIT group was quoted that rates would increase on average 15-20%. McInnes Group is hopeful that negotiation with new Blue Cross/Blue Shield leadership will help with that average. The Interlocal looks for rate increases to be decided by late May or early June.

REPORT FROM CONNIE HALE

Connie was not in attendance and there was no report to give.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Shamburg stated that the Teachers' Association wishes to use Interest Based Bargaining during negotiations this year. There will be a three hour session on Interest Based Bargaining on May 28 at the annex.
- Director Shamburg stated that interested paras and administrative personnel met with Joel Gillaspie of KSDE on May 1 to discuss the teacher apprenticeship program. KSDE has a pool of funds to cover tuition, books, for approved paras to enter the teacher apprenticeship program. The grant money covers a mentor stipend as well. The minimum payrate is \$14 per hour for the paras in the program with increases during certain intervals. The grant is set through 2026 and there are other grants to pull funds from as well. Mentors assigned to the teacher apprentices will be paid a stipend for their work. The application due date with KSDE is June 1, 2024. There was discussion that followed.
- Director Shamburg stated the current teacher openings include ECSE, 3rd/4th grade, 7th/8th grade, High School Life Skills, Speech Language Pathologist.
- Director Shamburg stated budget concerns including 2024-25 health insurance rates, district assessment increases, state funding and if special education will receive additional funding in 2024-25, as well as more funding for contracted speech pathologists to fill the Hiawatha Elementary Speech Pathologist vacancy. Kindra Howard will be able to work additional hours but not full-time. Paras need to have another wage increase for their work and also to be able to attract new paras to work for the Interlocal. There was a discussion regarding hiring retired school personnel to work in the classrooms as paras on a flexible schedule. Director Shamburg will inquire among the Retired School Teacher group about any interest.

At 6:37 pm, Kendelle Runer left the meeting.

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

At 6:37 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, student personnel, and negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:47 pm. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of four 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, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:47 pm, the board came out of executive session.

POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to extend related services contracts as presented. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of four to zero.

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OTHER

Jacque Spihlmann moved to approve the amended summer school budget. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of four to zero.

ADJOURN

Shelby Rice moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of four to zero. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

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