

November 5, 2025

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

November 5, 2025

(These minutes are not official until approved at the December 9, 2025 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular November Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on November 5, 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
Dr. Becky Kramer, USD 430 Superintendent
Lonnie Moser, USD 415 Superintendent
Ginny Herrera, IRC Instructor
Kendelle Runer, ECSE Instructor
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director West moved to add an executive session to discuss negotiations after the Director's Report.

Rex Lockwood moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Roni Tietjens 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

Jon Boller moved to approve the consent agenda. Brooklyn Schuetz 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 October 1, 2025 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the bills for the month of November 2025.
3. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of November 2025.
4. Approve the contract terminations of paras Alexander Starnes, Gayla Cumming, Brenda Middleton, Mykela Ostwald, and Carol Nguyen; accept the resignation of para Memory Clay.
5. Approve the hire of MIS Clerk Lorie Hanlon and HMS para Makayla Wilhite, Horton Elementary para Maelisa Moppin.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director West stated that OT and Speech have increased caseloads in both virtual and in-person, resulting in increased invoices.
- Director West stated that School Psychologist Leanna Streeter completed CPI training which involves emergency safety interventions.
- Director West stated that South Brown County would like a school social worker.
- Director West stated that Hiawatha stated their CTE courses do not involve enough special education students.
- Director West stated that the audiometer disappeared at the beginning of the year and a new audiometer has been ordered. The old audiometer had been with BCK-SEI for several years but the cost of a new audiometer is about \$4,600. The insurance company has been contacted to discuss a possible claim for the missing audiometer.
- Director West and Leanna Streeter will be at the special ed law conference in Omaha on November 13-14, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS

At 6:12 pm, Rex Lockwood moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations 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 ensure a fair and equitable contract. Those present for the executive session were John West, Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, Roni Tietjens, Dr. Becky Kramer, Lonnie Moser, and KASB attorney via speakerphone. At 6:17 pm, Rex Lockwood moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:22 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz 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 second executive session were John West, Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, Roni Tietjens, Dr. Becky Kramer, Lonnie Moser, and KASB attorney via speakerphone. At 6:22 pm, the board came out of executive session.

There was no action following executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS, NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL, STUDENT PERSONNEL, DIRECTOR'S EVALUATION

At 6:24 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:34 pm. Roni Tietjens 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, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, Roni Tietjens, Dr. Becky Kramer, and Lonnie Moser. At 6:34 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into a second executive session for 5 minutes to discuss negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:39 pm. Roni Tietjens 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 second executive session were John West, Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, Roni Tietjens, Dr. Becky Kramer, and Lonnie Moser. At 6:39 pm, the board came out of executive session.

There was no action following executive session.

At 6:42 pm, Brooklyn Schuetz moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA and reconvene at 6:47 pm. Jacquie Spihlmann 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, Roni Tietjens, Dr. Becky Kramer, and Lonnie Moser. At 6:47 pm, Brooklyn Schuetz moved to go into a second executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA and reconvene at 6:52 pm. Jacquie Spihlmann 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, Roni Tietjens, Dr. Becky Kramer, and Lonnie Moser. At 6:52 pm, the board came out of executive session.

Jacquie Spihlmann moved to approve para raises as discussed for returning paras only from the 2024-25 school year. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

Dr. Becky Kramer and Lonnie Moser left the meeting at 6:55 pm.

At 6:57 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss director's evaluation under KOMA and reconvene at 7:07 pm. Roni Tietjens 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, Brooklyn Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 7:07 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into a second executive session for 5 minutes to discuss director's evaluation under KOMA and reconvene at 7:12 pm. Roni Tietjens 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 second executive session were Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 7:12 pm, the board came out of executive session.

There was no action following executive session.

OTHER

There was no other business.

ADJOURN

Rex Lockwood moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Jacquie Spihlmann seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

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_____	_____, Date	_____	_____, Date