

May 6, 2026

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

May 6, 2026

(These minutes are not official until approved at the June 3, 2026 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 6, 2026 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

CALL TO ORDER

Shelby Rice called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

John West, Director
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
Dr. Becky Kramer, USD 430 Superintendent
Lonnie Moser, USD 415 Superintendent
Kendelle Runer, ECSE Instructor
Kristi Wilhelm, IRC Instructor
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager

Those absent was:

Jon Boller, USD 430 Board Member

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Roni Tietjens moved to approve the agenda. Mitch Brown seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Becky Kramer stated that after reviewing special ed para pay, she encouraged the board to consider years of service when discussing special ed para pay.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

There were no comments from the president.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Para hire of Brynn Williams, RTAP Apprentice (Hiawatha Elementary) and part-time para hire of Catherine Robert for Hiawatha High for 2026-27 as well as contract termination of Lorie Hanlon, MIS Clerk, were added to the consent agenda.

Roni Tietjens moved to approve the consent agenda with the changes as presented. Brooklyn Schuetz 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 April 1, 2026 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the bills for the month of May 2026.
3. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of May 2026.
4. Approve the hires Brynn Williams, RTAP Apprentice for 2026-27 at Hiawatha Elementary and Catherine Robert, part-time para for 2026-27 at Hiawatha High.
5. Accept the resignations of Samantha Shamburg, Speech Language Pathologist effective June 30, 2026; Jackie Wenger, Horton High para; Sophia Tellez, EMS Para; Rikky Bock, Horton Elem para at the end of 2025-26; contract termination of Maelisa Moppin, Horton Elementary para and contract termination of Lorie Hanlon, MIS Clerk.

SUMMER SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Kristi Wilhelm, Summer School Teacher, discussed with the board the plans for the 2026 summer school. There will be 13 paras and 25 students. Of the 25 students, 10 will be in PreK or Kindergarten and have high needs.

Kristi also stated that she is planning a carnival for the kids on June 25. She asked for board member and staff help in grilling food for the carnival. There were volunteers secured for the carnival.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- WebKIDSS platform will be renewed at the base package.
- The Interlocal is advertising for an MIS Clerk.
- There is a discrepancy in suspension rates for 2024-25 in South Brown County and Mr. West will be meeting with administration to discuss.
- The license reciprocity agreement between Oklahoma and Kansas worked in that Mr. West was able to add a special education endorsement on his Kansas license after gaining his Oklahoma teaching license with the special education endorsement.
- KASB is shredding interlocal confidential files from 2011-2013.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

At 6:16 pm, Roni Tietjens moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:26 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The executive session was necessary to protect the privacy of those

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individuals discussed. Those present for the executive session were Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:22 pm, Dr. Becky Kramer and Lonnie Moser entered executive session. At 6:26 pm, Roni Tietjens moved to go into executive sessions for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:31 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Those present for the executive session were Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Roni Tietjens, Dr. Becky Kramer, and Lonnie Moser. Dr. Becky Kramer and Lonnie Moser left executive session at 6:31 pm. At 6:31 pm, Roni Tietjens moved to go into executive sessions for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:36 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Those present for the executive session were Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:34 pm, John West was invited in executive session. At 6:36 pm, Roni Tietjens moved to go into executive sessions for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:41 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Those present for the executive session were John West, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:41 pm, the board came out of executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

At 6:42 pm, Rex Lockwood moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:52 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz 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. Those present for the executive session were John West, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:52, the board came out of executive session.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brooklyn Schuetz moved to hire Shae Blanchard as a Speech Language Pathologist for 2026-27 at Horton Elementary. Mitch Brown seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

Brooklyn Schuetz moved to hire Stacy Clark as a Life Skills Instructor for 2026-27 at Hiawatha High. Roni Tietjens seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS

At 6:58 pm, Brooklyn Schuetz moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss employee-employer negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 7:03 pm. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The executive session was necessary to ensure a fair and equitable contract. Amy Larson was asked to remain in executive session. Those present for the executive session were John West, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, Roni Tietjens and Amy Larson. At 7:03, the board came out of executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS

At 7:03 pm, Rex Lockwood moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss employee-employer negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 7:08 pm. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The executive session was necessary to ensure a fair and equitable contract. Those present for the executive session were John West, Mitch Brown, Rex

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Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 7:08, the board came out of executive session.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brooklyn Schuetz moved to extend a stipend to Marla Olson for her work on Chris Diller's IEPs, progress reports, etc. Mitch Brown seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

OTHER

There was no other business.

ADJOURN

Rex Lockwood moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Roni Tietjens seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 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 3, 2026 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

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_____	_____, Date	_____	_____, Date