

June 3, 2026

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

June 3, 2026

(These minutes are not official until approved at the July 1, 2026 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular June Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 3, 2026 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
Mitch Brown, USD 415 Board Member
Rex Lockwood, USD 430 Board Member
Shelby Rice, USD 430 Board Member
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member
Kendelle Runer, ECSE Instructor
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager

Those absent was:

Brooklyn Schuetz, USD 415 Board Member

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Roni Tietjens moved to approve the 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 CONSENT AGENDA

Mitch Brown moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jon Boller 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 May 6, 2026 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the bills for the month of June 2026.
3. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of June 2026.
4. Approve the rehire of Nancy Wahweotten, para, for the 2026-27 school year and hire of Rachel Smith, MIS Clerk, as well as hire of Sydney Doretich, SLPA.
5. Accept the resignation of Ashlynn Strauss.

AUTHORITY TO PAY BILLS AND CLOSE THE BOOKS FOR 2025-2026

Each year, the interlocal requests permission to pay bills and close the books. Rex Lockwood moved to grant the interlocal permission to pay bills and close the books for 2025-2026. Roni Tietjens seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

SUMMER SCHOOL BUDGET DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

The 2026 summer school budget was presented with discussion following. Rex Lockwood moved to approve the 2026 summer school budget. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

PDC PLACEMENT FOR 2026-2027

The PDC placement for 2026-2027 salary schedule was reviewed. After discussion, Roni Tietjens moved to approve the PDC placement for 2026-2027. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

MASTER TEACHER CONTRACT FOR 2026-2027

Master Teacher is a state approved para inservice platform that the interlocal uses to document para inservice. The 2026-27 Master Teacher contract was reviewed and discussed. The interlocal will be able to carry over six unused licenses from 2025-2026 to the upcoming school year.

Roni Tietjens moved to approve the 2026-2027 Master Teacher contract. Mitch Brown seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Sydney Doretich, SLPA, was hired and will be supervised by Robin Gilbert in 2026-2027. Sydney will be applying for her SLPA license when it becomes available in January 2027.
- The suspension rate response has been filed for 2024-2025.
- IDEA file review monitoring will be in the Fall 2026. An online review of the IEPs will be scheduled prior to the file review.

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- The KEIT increase of BC/BS is an average of 7.8% between the two plans offered for Brown County Special Education.
- In May, KSDE sent an email that Medicaid claims by the state aid deadline were 40% less than the previous year. Brown County Special Education submitted their applicable Medicaid claims by that deadline and did not see a decrease in the Medicaid Replacement State Aid.
- The interlocal's RTAP program was discussed with more interest in joining the program by other interlocal paras.
- The ending special education state aid for 2025-2026 decreased by \$245 per FTE. The starting categorical aid was \$29,600 per FTE and the ending categorical aid was \$29,355 per FTE.

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

At 6:18 pm, Mitch Brown moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, negotiations, and student personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:28 pm. Roni Tietjens 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 John West, Jon Boller, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:28 pm, Mitch Brown moved to go into executive sessions for 5 minutes and 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, negotiations, and student personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:38 pm. Roni Tietjens seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. Those present for the executive sessions were John West, Jon Boller, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:38 pm, the board came out of executive session.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rex Lockwood moved to extend 2026-2027 related service provider contracts to those discussed. Jon Boller 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 6:42 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

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