

March 4, 2026

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

March 4, 2026

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

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular March Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 4, 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
Brooklyn Schuetz, USD 415 Board Member
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member
Amy Larson, Board Clerk/Business Manager

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Brooklyn Schuetz moved to approve the agenda. Mitch Brown 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 CONSENT AGENDA

Para hire of Jackie Wenger as well as approval of para resignation for Lisa Middleton were added to the consent agenda.

Jon Boller moved to approve the consent agenda with the changes as presented. 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 February 4, 2026 regular board meeting.
2. Approval of the bills for the month of March 2026.
3. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of March 2026.
4. Approve the hires of Merrie Wardlow and Adakis Moppin, Hiawatha Elementary paras; Jennifer West, Horton Elementary para; Jackie Wenger, Horton High para.
5. Approve the resignations of Makayla Wilhite and Lia Middleton, HMS Paras; Kristina Mowry, Hiawatha Elementary para

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2026-27 INTERLOCAL CALENDAR

Both district calendars are merged into an interlocal calendar. The interlocal calendar is used to set inservice dates and determine when the annex office is closed. Certified inservice is scheduled for August 4, 2026 (full day including CPI training) and classified inservice is scheduled for August 10, 2026 in the AM.

Roni Tietjens moved to approve the 2026-27 interlocal calendar. Brooklyn Schuetz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The KSDE fiscal file review will be done in a few years. The last file review was in 2023-24.
- The preschool integration model will be presented at the Hiawatha board meeting next week.
- The negotiations notice letters will be exchanged by the end of March.
- Para staffing needs continue with three paras resigning and four paras hired.
- Oklahoma and Kansas have an interstate reciprocity agreement in which it is relatively straightforward to transfer teaching licenses. Mr. West applied and received a teaching license in Oklahoma.
- Mrs. Jensen started a coffee service with life skills at Hiawatha High School.

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

At 6:11 pm, Rex Lockwood moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations, non-elected personnel, and student personnel under KOMA, and reconvene at 6:21 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 and to protect the privacy of those individuals discussed. Those present for the executive session were John West, Jon Boller, Mitch Brown, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Brooklyn Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:21 pm, the board came out of executive session.

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ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rex Lockwood moved to extend contracts in 2026-27 to Leanna Streeter and Amy Larson. Roni Tietjens seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

Rex Lockwood moved to approve Kristi Wilhelm to teach 2026 summer school. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

OTHER

There was no other business.

ADJOURN

Brooklyn Schuetz moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Roni Tietjens seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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

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