

April 3, 2024

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

April 3, 2024

(These minutes are not official until approved at the May 1, 2024 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular April Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2024 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

CALL TO ORDER

Roni Tietjens called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those present were:

Becky Shamburg, Director
Jon Boller, USD 430 Board Member
Rex Lockwood, USD 430 Board Member
Shelby Rice, USD 430 Board Member
Ian Schuetz, USD 415 Board Member
Jacquie Spihlmann, USD 415 Board Member, arrived at 6:28 pm
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member
Connie Hale, Supervisor/Coordinator
Amy Larson, Board Clerk
Valerie Tollefson, IRC Instructor

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Shelby Rice moved to approve the agenda. Jon Boller 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 THE CONSENT AGENDA

Jon Boller moved to approve the consent agenda. Rex Lockwood 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 March 6, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of the Bills for the Month of April 2024.
3. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of April 2024.
4. Approve the rehire of para Kelly Oaks as a para at Horton Elementary.
5. Accept the resignations of paras Karen Kress and Sunshine Bone and school psychologist Meredith Pickert.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2024-25 MASTER TEACHER CONTRACT

Director Shamburg reviewed the Master Teacher renewal options. Master Teacher is used for para inservice as well as Highly Qualified proctored testing as required by the KSDE. Both districts have ability to test new paras on the Master Teacher account. Option 1 would bill \$47 per individual license. Option 2 would bill \$2,199 for up to 75 licenses. Currently, the interlocal has 73 active licenses on their account; therefore, option 2 would be more economical.

Rex Lockwood moved to approve the 2024-25 Master Teacher contract option 2. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2024-25 BCK-SEI CALENDAR

Director Shamburg reviewed both district calendars and the 2024-25 BCK-SEI calendar with the board members. The certified inservice is scheduled for August 9 and the classified inservice is scheduled for August 12. There was discussion that followed.

Jon Boller moved to approve the 2024-25 BCK-SEI calendar. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2024-25 KASB AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND DUES

Director Shamburg presented the 2024-25 KASB membership and legal assistance fund dues. The KASB legal team has provided much needed advice for the interlocal in the past. Previously, the Interlocal used a local attorney but was recommended to find attorneys that worked primarily with schools. There was discussion that followed regarding membership benefits.

Rex Lockwood moved to approve the 2024-25 KASB membership and legal assistance fund dues. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

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ACTION FOR SUBMISSION OF TITLE VI-B FUNDS

Clerk Amy Larson reviewed the annual application for federal Title VI-B funds. The funds are used to pay IRC salaries and part of an ECSE salary. There was discussion that followed.

Ian Schuetz moved to approve submission of Title VI-B grant. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

CONNIE HALE'S REPORT

Connie Hale reviewed the following with the board members:

- There were no new behavior referrals.
- There were no new autism screenings.
- Connie and Becky are working on new teacher evaluations.
- Connie is providing some para training at Horton Elementary.
- Connie stated special education paras received shirts and treats for para appreciation day on April 3, 2024.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Shamburg reviewed the following with the board members:

- The legislature has added SB387 to “add” special education funding, but there’s a catch to the bill. The bill will add \$77.5 million to special education state aid in the first year but then will rely on the school districts to supply the remainder of the additional funding through their LOB by comparing each school district’s excess cost percentage. The bill erases the governor’s budget proposal of using surplus to provide the entirety of the additional special education funding. KASEA recommended that school officials contact their representatives to vote NO to SB387.
- The current certified openings are 7th/8th IRC at Everest Middle School, ECSE at Hiawatha Elementary, 3rd/4th IRC at Hiawatha Elementary, School Psychologist for Horton schools, Speech Language Pathologist at Hiawatha Elementary. There has been one application submitted for the 3rd/4th grade position. There was discussion that followed.

Jacque Spihlmann arrived at the meeting at 6:28 pm.

- Director Shamburg reviewed the KSDE’s teacher apprenticeship program which is new to regular education and special education. Paras without a bachelor’s degree would be able to apply for grant money to pay for the first two years of college. There is a minimum amount of hourly pay to be paid to a para who is approved for this program. After finishing the program, the para would owe teaching years but not necessarily to the school that employed them. There was much discussion that followed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATIONS

At 6:32 pm, Ian Schuetz moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations 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, and to ensure a fair and equitable contract. Those present for the executive session were Becky Shamburg, Connie Hale, Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Ian Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:47 pm, Ian Schuetz moved to go into executive sessions for 15 minutes, 5 minutes, and 2 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and negotiations. Jacquie Spihlmann seconded and the motions passed with votes of six to zero. Those present for the executive sessions were Becky Shamburg, Connie Hale, Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Ian Schuetz, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 7:09 pm, the board came out of executive session.

POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no action following executive session.

OTHER

There was no other business at this time.

ADJOURN

Shelby Rice moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six 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, May 1, 2024 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

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