

March 6, 2024

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

March 6, 2024

(These minutes are not official until approved at the April 3, 2024 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 6, 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, arrived at 6:18 pm  
Rex Lockwood, USD 430 Board Member  
Shelby Rice, USD 430 Board Member  
Ian Schuetz, USD 415 Board Member  
Jacquie Spihlmann, USD 415 Board Member  
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member  
Connie Hale, Supervisor/Coordinator  
Amy Larson, Board Clerk  
Heather Patterson, ECSE Instructor  
Ginny Herrera, IRC Instructor, arrived at 6:10 pm

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Rex Lockwood requested to remove item 5 of the consent agenda until after executive session. Ian Schuetz moved to approve the revised agenda. Jacquie Spihlmann 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**

Rex Lockwood moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item 5. Shelby Rice 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 February 7, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of the Bills for the Month of March 2024.
3. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of March 2024.
4. Approve the hire of para Shania Scates (Hiawatha Elementary).

## **CONNIE HALE'S REPORT**

Connie Hale reviewed the following with the board members:

- There was one additional behavior referral.
- Autism screenings are slowing down.
- Connie and Becky are working on new teacher evaluations.
- Connie will be providing some new para training at Horton Elementary.
- The Wolfe Trust Grant awarded \$2,000 to the Interlocal for two grant applications submitted by Connie Hale/Robyn Tollefson and Heather Maze.
- Connie stated that the special ed funding bill is still active.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Shamburg reviewed the following with the board members:

- The governor recommended additional special education funding in her budget. This is to comply with state law to fund special education at 92% of excess cost. The KSDE put together a spreadsheet upon request from the legislature that distributes special education state aid to districts based on local funding. This is to move forward to the 92% excess cost funding mandate. Currently, the state reimburses special education personnel by a flat amount per FTE, depending on certified and classified staff.
- The December 1 count has not be certified but as of right now, the Interlocal has 344 students receiving services based on a disability. This count does not include gifted students as giftedness is an exceptionality, not a disability. There are eleven initial evaluations to be done by the end of the year.

Ginny Herrera arrived at the meeting at 6:10 pm.

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- Summer school is scheduled for June 3-27, 2024, half days, Mondays through Thursdays. Staci Campbell has been the summer school teacher and Director Shamburg requested for Staci to remain the summer school teacher in 2024.

Jacque Spihlmann moved to approve Staci Campbell to be the 2024 Summer School teacher. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATIONS**

At 6:11 pm, Jacque Spihlmann 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 6:26 pm. Shelby Rice 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 Becky Shamburg, Connie Hale, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Ian Schuetz, Jacque Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:18 pm, Jon Boller arrived at the meeting and entered executive session. At 6:26 pm, Jacque Spihlmann moved to go into executive sessions for 15 minutes, 5 minutes, 5 minutes, and 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and negotiations. Shelby Rice 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, Jacque Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:56 pm, the board came out of executive session.

### **POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jacque Spihlmann moved to accept the resignations as presented. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. Resignations were from Cassidy Goering, para; Heather Maze, IRC Instructor; Krista Noll, Speech Language Pathologist; Robyn Tollefson, ECSE Instructor; and Andrew Gwennap, IRC Instructor.

Jacque Spihlmann moved to accept retention bonuses as discussed. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

Jacque Spihlmann moved to extend contracts to all office personnel. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

### **OTHER**

There was no other business at this time.

### **ADJOURN**

Jacque Spihlmann moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

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