

June 5, 2024

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

June 5, 2024

(These minutes are not official until approved at the July 3, 2024 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 5, 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, arrived at 6:09 p.m.
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member
Amy Larson, Board Clerk

Those absent were:

Jacquie Spihlmann, USD 415 Board Member
Connie Hale, Supervisor Coordinator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Shelby Rice moved to approve the agenda. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of four 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 four to zero. Included in the consent agenda was:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the May 1, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of the Bills for the Month of June 2024.
3. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of June 2024.
4. Accept the resignations of paras Emmily Johnson, Adrienne Messer, and Patricia Mosley.
5. Approve the hiring of Jennifer Snowden, para.

2024-25 HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE UPDATE

Director Shamburg is a member of the KEIT board and reviewed the information she received regarding the 2024-25 increase in health insurance premiums. The KEIT pool consists of 32 districts with over 4000 individual members within those organizations. Ian Schuetz arrived at the meeting at 6:09 pm. McInnes Group, the team that handles the KEIT pool negotiations, met with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas to review the suggested rate increase of 15-20%. After exchanging conversation with Blue Cross how the rate increase was calculated, Blue Cross came back with a rate increase of 8-16%. McInnes Group requested another calculation of the rate increase and received an average of 8.9%. Individual rates will be distributed in the near future. There was discussion that followed regarding Blue Cross' tactics.

AUTHORITY TO PAY BILLS AND CLOSE THE BOOKS FOR 2023-2024

Director Shamburg requested authority to pay bills and close the books for 2023-24 which is standard every year. Rex Lockwood moved to grant authority for the interlocal to pay bills and close the books for 2023-24. Jon Boller seconded and motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

DISCISSION AND APPROVAL OF 2024-25 SALARY SCHEDULE PLACEMENT

Director Shamburg presented the 2024-25 salary schedule placement noting three teachers moving over on the salary schedule either from inservice points or college credit hours.

Ian Schuetz moved to approve the 2024-25 salary schedule placement. Rex Lockwood seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Shamburg reviewed the staffing changes to be made in 2024-25. Kendelle Runer will be moving to Hiawatha Elementary ECSE Preschool. Sara Edie will be adding Kindergarten to her caseload to make the caseload grades K-2 at Hiawatha Elementary. A teacher apprentice will be working with grades 3-4 with Sara Edie as the teacher of record at Hiawatha Elementary. The open position for grades 7-8 at Everest Middle will be filled by an individual as soon they receive their state license. Rachel Bloom will be working with Hiawatha High Life Skills students as well as current HMS Life Skills students. The HHS Life Skills position will be partially filled with a long-term sub. There was discussion that followed.
- Director Shamburg discussed the STYLE program and possible placement regarding Staci Campbell in 2024-25. There was discussion that followed.
- Director Shamburg reviewed a Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program (RTAP) wage scale with the board members. The RTAP requires a wage scale starting at \$14 per hour with an increase of 3% every year. One applicant of the group of people who met with Connie and Becky was approved to enter the program for the start of 2024-25. Ian Schuetz moved to approve the teacher apprenticeship program wage scale. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.
- Director Shamburg stated that she met with the superintendents for a discussion about an increase in district assessments. With the one-year increase in additional state funding (excess cost), the interlocal found out the categorical aid will not increase for 2024-25. That one-time payment in excess cost will cover the increase in health insurance and raises. There was discussion that followed.
- Varney's extended an engagement contract for a financial audit but has yet to schedule a July date to conduct the fieldwork.

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

At 6:47 pm, Ian Schuetz moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, student personnel, and negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and reconvene at 7:07 pm. Rex Lockwood 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, to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable, and to ensure a fair and equitable contract. Those present for the executive session were Becky Shamburg, Jon Boller, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Ian Schuetz, and Roni Tietjens. At 7:07 pm, the board came out of executive session.

POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ian Schuetz moved to hire Sherri Nelson for the Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program as presented. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero.

OTHER

There was no other business.

ADJOURN

Shelby Rice moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Jon Boller seconded and the motion passed with a vote of five to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 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 3, 2024 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

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