

October 4, 2023

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

October 4, 2023

(These minutes are not official until approved at the November 1, 2023 board meeting.)

The Board of Education of the Brown County Kansas Special Education Interlocal #615 held its regular October Board of Education meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2023 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  
Laurence Berger, USD 430 Board Member  
Jeff Brockhoff, USD 415 Board Member  
April Keo, USD 430 Board Member  
Shelby Rice, USD 430 Board Member  
Jacquie Spihlmann, USD 415 Board Member  
Roni Tietjens, USD 415 Board Member  
Connie Hale, Supervisor/Coordinator  
Amy Larson, Board Clerk  
Valerie Tollefson, IRC Instructor

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

April Keo moved to approve the agenda. Shelby Rice seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

IRC Instructor Valerie Tollefson spoke on behalf of the special education teachers. Valerie wished to share the position of not accepting the initial offer that was presented during negotiations. She asked for a better offer for the special education teachers in response to the work that they do.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

President Roni Tietjens thanked Valerie and special education teachers for the work they do.

## **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Jeff Brockhoff moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Shelby Rice 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 September 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.
2. Approval of the Bills for the Month of October 2023.
3. Accept the Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2023.
4. Approve the hire of para Kristina White at Hiawatha Elementary, and rehire of para Kelly Oaks at Horton Elementary.

## **CONNIE HALE'S REPORT**

Connie Hale stated that she has received four behavior support referrals in both grade schools. She and the autism team will be attending training in Wichita next week. There are currently three autism referrals, and they completed a telemed appointment with KU Med recently. There are currently five students within tiny-K which is a birth-age 3 program. Connie also stated that both she and Director Shamburg will be conducting teacher evaluations for the 1-2 year teachers. There was discussion that followed.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Shamburg stated the Interlocal has 45 paras. She reviews para applications when they arrive. There was discussion that followed.

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

At 6:13 pm, Jacquie Spihlmann moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, student personnel and negotiable items as allowed for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and reconvene at 6:23 pm. Jeff Brockhoff 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, 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, Connie Hale, Laurence Berger, Jeff Brockhoff, April Keo, Shelby Rice, Jacquie Spihlmann, and Roni Tietjens. At 6:23 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.

**ADJOURN**

Jacque Spihlmann moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Jeff Brockhoff seconded and the motion passed with a vote of six to zero. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the BCK-SEI Board of Education will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the Special Education Annex in Hiawatha.

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