

**SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 15, 2010**

The board of directors of SCKSEC met in regular session on Monday, February 15, 2010, at 7:30p.m. at the South Central Kansas Special Education Coop administrative office in Pratt, Kansas.

Board members present were: Mark Crick, Kent Swartz, Cindy Hackney, Mike Maloney for Nancy Boyer, Steven McKennon for Amber Panek, Skip Allen for Keith McNickle, Merlyn Spare, Mike Lamb, Janis Knox, Bill Bergner, Ruth McFarland and and Roger Goodman.

District Administrators present were: Jerry Cullen, Mike Baldwin, Leon Albert for Scott Carter, Mary Jo Taylor, James Kenworthy, Mike Harvey, Clint Corby, Glen Davis, Mike Sanders, and Troy Piper.

SCKSEC administrative personnel present were: Lynn Ahrens, Ryan Cunningham, and Aleta Gatz.

President Kent Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

1. AGENDA ADOPTION/AMENDMENT – Mike Sanders moved and Roger Goodman seconded the motion to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried 12-0.

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – Kent Swartz asked the guests and board members to introduce themselves. Guests present were Karen Godfrey, Heather Skaggs, Kim Garrett, Julie Wilson, Teresa Miller, Deb Sparks, Tami Rose, Marla Lyons, Sherre Mawhirter, Tom Morris, Paula Morris, Cindy Allen, Jan Stadalman, Barbara McCormick, Jackie Hays, Cindy Houtwed, Donna Nett, Karen Lacio, Matthew Johnson, Holly Wolgast, Brandee Randels, Meagan Etheridge, Mary Hill, and Cheryl Swartz.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Ruth McFarland moved and Mike Lamb seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items, which included the January 18th 2010 minutes, the financial report, payment of bills, and resignations following questions from the board regarding bills paid. The motion carried 12-0.

4. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND ISSUES REVIEW – Dr. Ahrens advised the board that the Job-a-thon would be held March 31st from 9:00-2:00 at the Pratt County Fairgrounds. She strongly encouraged everyone to write letters to stop the HB 2587 bill on funding issues. Dr. Ahrens discussed bills HB 2580, SB 358, and SB 359 Catastrophic Aid and SB 512 Medicaid reimbursement both of which a handout was included in the board packet. Dr. Ahrens stated that Advocacy Day would be presented by Prairie Independent Living Resources. Ryan Cunningham reported that SCKSEC had submitted the 471for E-Rate and would be reimbursed at 86%. Dr. Ahrens presented the Medicaid report.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION –Ruth McFarland moved and Bill Bergner seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and negotiations in order to protect the privacy of interests of the individuals to be discussed and the board meeting would return into open session in the same room at 8:10p.m. The motion carried 12-0. Ruth McFarland moved and Roger Goodman seconded the motion to return into regular session at 8:10p.m. The motion carried 12-0.

6. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL – Agreement was reached that the Director and Assistant Director's contracts would not be extended but left "as is" until 6-30-2011 due to the economic situation and the fact that many of the districts are going to one year contracts for administrators. The Coop is following the lead of the districts. Skip Allen moved and Mike Lamb seconded the motion to approve contracts for the enclosed list of paraeducators. The motion carried 12-0. Mark Crick moved and Cindy Hackney seconded the motion to approve the resignations of Tammy Givens, Esther Jewell, and Denise Dickson. The motion carried 12-0. Bill Bergner moved and Mike Lamb seconded the motion to approve the termination of Holly Hunter's para contract. The motion carried 12-0.

7. OTHER – Kent Swartz reported on his trip to Washington D.C. with the National School Board Association.

8. ADJOURNMENT -There being no further business to come before the Board, Merlyn Spare moved and Steven McKennon seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried 12-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be held Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:30p.m. at the South Central Kansas Special Education Coop.

Aleta Gatz, Board Clerk

Date