

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

The board of directors of SCKSEC met in regular session on Monday, March 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, Andrea Shipley for Nancy Boyer, Karl Werner for Amber Panek, Keith McNickle, Merlyn Spare, Mike Lamb, Janis Knox, David McComb and Roger Goodman.

District Administrators present were: Troy Piper and Leon Albert.

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** – Merlyn Spare moved and Roger Goodman seconded the motion to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried 10-0.

**2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS** – Dr. Lynn Ahrens asked the guests to introduce themselves. Guests present were Cindy Allen, Teresa Miller, Deb Sparks, Tami Rose, and Donna Werner. Kent Swartz introduced Karl Werner alternate for Amber Panek and Andrea Shipley alternate for Nancy Boyer.

**3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Mark Crick moved and Mike Lamb seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items with additions, which included the February 15, 2010 minutes, the financial report, payment of bills, and resignations following questions from the board regarding bills paid. The motion carried 10-0.

**4. DISCUSSION OF TECHNOLOGY PLAN** – Ryan Cunningham discussed the technology plan for SCKSEC. He advised the board of the new government cell phone plan for SCKSEC and the possibilities of expanding video technology.

**5. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE** – Dr. Ahrens advised the board that SCKSEC has received \$280,813.88 from Medicaid through January. She also informed the board that the December 1 count was final and had been distributed in the district packets. Dr. Ahrens said the community forums were going well and would continue until the end of the school year. She updated the board on the positions currently open which included Preschool in Pratt, .5 SLP, Gifted in Kiowa and Medicine Lodge, and Elementary in Greensburg. Dr. Ahrens advised the board that Lewis would not be joining SCKSEC and that Haviland High School would be closing at the end of this school year. Dr. Ahrens recommended that the board approve extra pay in the amount of \$2,000 for the six SLP's who have had to take on extra duties with the shortage of one Speech Language Pathologist. Dr. Ahrens advised the board that SCKSEC had met MOE (maintenance of effort). Ryan Cunningham discussed the progress of the Procedures and Resources Team. He covered what the P & R team was doing along with their goals. Dr. Ahrens reported that the Pre-K Pilot Grant had been completed and turned in. Dr. Ahrens reminded the board, superintendents, and guests that the Job-A-Thon is being held March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Pratt County Fair Grounds with approximately 30 booths this year and that PILR is sponsoring an advocacy day for high school seniors on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the SCKSEC office. Dr. Ahrens gave a legislative update on HB 2600, SB 359, HB 2409, and HB 2587. Dr. Ahrens informed the

board that Oklahoma City Community College had asked SCKSEC to sponsor a student for a clinical rotation in the field of Occupational Therapy Assistant. SCKSEC agreed and Cora Petz will be overseeing the clinical rotation. She also reported that SCKSEC received two bids on the bus with the highest bid going to Bud Moore for \$510.00. Keith McNickle moved and Mark Crick seconded the motion to accept the bid. The motion carried 10-0.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Karl Werner moved and David McComb seconded the motion to enter into executive session at 8:10p.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 8:25p.m. The motion carried 10-0. Mark Crick moved and David McComb seconded the motion to return into regular session at 8:25p.m. Keith McNickle moved and Merlyn Spare seconded the motion to return to executive session at 8:25p.m. The motion carried 10-0. Merlyn Spare moved and David McComb seconded the motion to return to regular session at 8:50p.m.

**7. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL** - Mike Lamb moved and Roger Goodman seconded the motion to approve the employment of Sara Burke as SLP effective at the beginning of the next school year. The motion carried 10-0. Keith McNickle moved and David McComb seconded the motion to approve the employment of the enclosed list of paras. The motion carried 10-0. Kathy Poe's resignation was tabled. Mike Lamb moved and Keith McNickle seconded the motion to approve the termination of Cindy Lannon's para contract. The motion carried 10-0. Keith McNickle moved and Mark Crick seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Diana Flygare. The motion carried 10-0. Merlyn Spare moved and David McComb seconded the motion to approve the employment of Heather Rohling as EC teacher in Pratt. The motion carried 10-0. Janis Knox moved and Roger Goodman seconded the motion to approve the technology plan. The motion carried 10-0. Janis Knox moved and Keith McNickle seconded the motion to approve the e-rate plan. The motion carried 10-0. The motion to approve the extra pay for the six SLP's was tabled.

**8. OTHER** - None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business to come before the Board, Mark Crick moved and Keith McNickle seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried 10-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be held Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:30p.m. at the South Central Kansas Special Education Coop.

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Aleta Gatz, Board Clerk

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Date