

**THREE LAKES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
November 17, 2014**

**Call To Order**

President Lynda Farwell called to order the regular board meeting of Three Lakes Educational Cooperative at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 17, 2014. The following individuals were present:

*BOARD MEMBERS:*

Cindy Cook  
Lynda Farwell  
Dana Mentzer  
Brandi Shaffer  
Scott McCollom

*OTHERS:*

Dr. Kathy Mickelson  
Dr. Ann Fritz  
Laura Hogelin

Daniel Arnett was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Lynda Farwell to approve the agenda with additions as distributed. Motion was seconded by Cindy Cook and it passed 5-0.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Dana Mentzer made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Financial Summary and Treasurer's Report
- Approval of Warrant Register – Payables
- Approval of Resignations
- Approval of Terminations
- Approval of New Personnel
- Transfers/Decrease in Time/Increase in Time
- Approval of PDC Plans and Points

Motion was seconded by Scott McCollom and it passed 5-0.

**DISTRICT CONSULTATION**

**Region J Kansas Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Approval**

Following reading, motion was made by Lynda Farwell and seconded by Cindy Cook to approve the Region J Kansas Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion passed 5-0.

Passage of this plan will allow TLEC to access federal funds for mitigation projects if funds become available.

**Indicator 11: Initial Evaluation - Informational**

Five of our six districts were found to be compliant on SPP Indicator 11: Initial Evaluation. The regulatory requirement of Indicator 11 is that children must be evaluated within 60 days of receiving parental consent for the initial evaluation. Dr. Mickelson explained the issue that lead to non-compliance in one district and noted that a plan of action will be written to address this issue.

**MDCV Blue Ribbon School Award - Informational**

Dr. Mickelson extended congratulations to MDCV Elementary School for receiving the designation as a 2014 National Blue Ribbon School from the U.S. Department of Education.

**Superintendent/Board Member Discussion Items**

- *SPED Funding*

Information regarding the cost to educate a special education student compared with the cost to educate a general education student was shared. According to information obtained from KSDE, special education student cost is estimated at \$31,164 per student annually while general education cost per student is \$12,960 annually.

- *ESI Letter to Kansas Board of Education and Board Contact Information*

Dr. Mickelson reviewed a letter from Terry Collins, Director of SPED at Doniphan County SPED Coop to Deena Horst, District 6 Kansas State Board of Education board member detailing some of the concerns of KASEA members regarding Emergency Safety Intervention regulations. A list of names and addresses of Kansas State Board of Education members was also included.

- *Insurance*

As the ACA stands now, TLEC will need to have health insurance options for paraeducators in place by October 1, 2015. TLEC is currently exploring plan options with BCBS. David Shriver, Director of Insurance Services and staff attorney with KASB, has asked to present Coventry health insurance options to the board at the December meeting.

- *Flow Thru*

The impact of decreased flow thru and federal funds for TLEC as well as, dwindling cash reserves for the districts was discussed among the superintendents at their meeting Friday.

- *Kansas Reading Road Map*

Dr. Pegram shared information about this program with his colleagues on Friday.

### **Matters Relating to Student Issues – Executive Session**

No executive session was held.

### **Personnel – Executive Session**

*Certified Evaluations – Phase 1*

*Extended Unpaid Leave*

Motion was made by Cindy Cook and seconded by Scott McCollom to enter executive session at 6:55 p.m. for a period of fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussion of personnel issues related to non-elected personnel. Motion passed 5-0. Justification of the executive session is to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. The meeting returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

Brandi Shaffer made the motion to extend unpaid leave to a certified employee through December 16, 2014 and to continue payment of health insurance benefits through September 30, 2015 unless disability benefits are obtained prior to September 30, 2015. Motion was seconded by Dana Mentzer and it passed 5-0.

### **Negotiations – Executive Session**

No executive session was held for negotiations.

### **Adjournment**

Cindy Cook made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Brandi Shaffer and it passed 5-0. The next regular board meeting will be held **Monday, December 15, 2014, at 6:30 P.M. at the Three Lakes Educational Cooperative office in Lyndon.**

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Laura Hogelin, Clerk

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