

**THREE LAKES EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 8, 2021**

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to Order

Eric Ratzloff called to order the Three Lakes Educational Cooperative Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday March 8, 2021 at the TLEC Board Room.

B. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

BOARD MEMBERS

____ Julie Spielman
Brent Johnson
Eric Ratzloff
Madison Sowers
Brandi Shaffer
Greg McCurdy

OTHERS:

Dr. Kathy Mickelson
Michele Luksa
Dee Wiley

C. Approval of Agenda

Eric Ratzloff made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Madison Sowers and passed unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Warrant Register/Payables
- C. Approval of Personnel Changes
- D. Approval of PDC Plans and Points
- E. Approval of Consent Agenda

Warrant/Payables were reviewed.

Personnel changes were reviewed. Two Paraeducator positions were filled. Four Paraeducators resigned, and one Paraeducator was terminated. Emily McShane was transferred to a Long Term Substitute position (covering E. Tice on maternity leave) from Paraeducator. Sarah Skiles has notified the coop that she does not intend to return to her position as Preschool Teacher at WFEW due to her moving farther away from the area. She has requested a transfer within the

coop if possible, and will be resigning at the end of 2020-21 school year if another position isn't available. Jenny Mader, SLP for 454 and 420 has resigned at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. TLEC has made efforts to recruit a new SLP. If the position can't be filled, TLEC will have to contract speech services, contact has been made with possible contract agencies.

Eric Ratzloff made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Greg McCurdy and passed unanimously.

3. **Financial Information/Discussion**

A. Financial Reports were presented and the board reviewed the three-year history report of revenue and expenditures for February. Revenue was up marginally with expenditures slightly lower.

4. **District Consultation**

A. Jim Long presented the 2019-20 Audit Report. TLEC was under budget as well as federally and state compliant.

B. House Bill 2119

Creates Student Empowerment Act- will allow parents to move their children to private schools, and the public funds from that student would follow them to private school through educational savings accounts in the amount of BASE State Aid. *This moves money meant for public education to private schools that may not be held to the same standards as public schools.

Requiring in person learning and limited remote learning- will require all schools to provide an in-person option and can only hold remote learning for a limited time. *This fails to acknowledge local differences that may require remote learning and limits schools' ability to respond to the continuing pandemic and future emergency situations.

Kathy Mickelson has contacted legislators to voice her concerns and opposition to HB 2119, and encouraged Superintendents to do the same.

C. Student headcounts were presented by district .Majority of the students who had originally opted for homeschool have returned to school and services with TLEC.

5. Superintendent/Board Member Discussion Items

A. The Kansas legislature is pushing for a mandated stipend for employees using ESSER funds to be received. TLEC and member districts indicated that they are sussing out providing stipends even if not mandated by the legislature. Stipends would have to be tied to a service.

Administration presented the recommended categories for spending ESSER II funds. Superintendents plan to meet on a monthly basis to discuss how to spend ESSER monies. SPED funds from ESSER II, will come through the districts as it did with ESSER I.

B. KSDE is strongly pushing for Summer School (a general education program) to lessen the strain on student's social emotional well being, continue to combat regression due to remote learning/ shortened school terms and prepare students for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. ESY (Extended School Year) is a Special Education program that requires documented criteria for which TLEC has a process of guidelines, data collection, and team decision making. TLEC is in the process of determining which students qualify for ESY.

TLEC is in talks with member districts to see if we can marry aspects of the two programs for the benefit of students and providers

6. Executive Session

A. Matters Relating to Student Issues- Executive Session

There was no Executive Session regarding Student Issues.

B. Matters Relating to Personnel Issues- Executive Session

Phase 2 Certified Evaluations, E.Tice Extended Leave Request, Director Evaluation.

Motion was made by Eric Ratzloff and seconded by Julie Spielman to enter executive session with the board and administrators present beginning at 6:57 p.m. for a period of time not to exceed twenty minutes for the matters relating to Personnel. Justification of the executive session is to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. The meeting will return to open session at 7:17 p.m. in the TLEC board room. The meeting returned to open session at 7:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Eric Ratzloff and seconded by Madison Sowers and passed unanimously to continue the executive session an additional ten minutes at 7:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters relating to Personnel. The meeting will return to open session at 7:27 p.m. in the TLEC board room.

C. Matters Relating to Negotiations- Executive Session

AFT Intent to Negotiate Letter, TLEC Intent to Negotiate Letter-

Motion was made by Eric Ratzloff and seconded by Brent Johnson to enter executive session with the board and administrators present beginning at 7:27 p.m. for a period of time not to exceed ten minutes for the matters relating to Personnel Issues and Negotiations. Justification of the executive session is to protect the cooperative's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public's interest. The meeting will return to open session at 7:37 p.m. in the TLEC board room. The meeting returned to open session at 7:37 p.m.

D. Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session-

There was no action on items discussed in the Closed Section.

Adjournment

Eric Ratzloff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion was seconded by Madison Sowers, and it passed unanimously. The next regular board meeting will be held Monday April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Three Lakes Education Cooperative office in Lyndon.
