

**THREE LAKES EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 10, 2022**

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 January 10, 2022 at the TLEC Board Room.

B. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Spielman
Brent Johnson (Absent)
Eric Ratzloff
Madison Sowers
Pam Masters (Absent)
Greg McCurdy

OTHERS:

Dr. Kathy Mickelson
Michele Luksa
Dee Wiley

C. Approval of Agenda

Eric Ratzloff made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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 presented. There were seven paraeducator resignations, and one hired. TLEC admin relayed that there are currently few/no suitable applicants to fill open positions.

Eric Ratzloff made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Julie Spielman and passed unanimously.

3. Financial Information/Discussion

- A. Financial reports were reviewed. Revenue is up marginally, with expenditures up approx \$400,000 due in part to the raises awarded for 21-22, in-person services resuming, and the salaries of the new positions created in 21-22.

4. District Consultation

- A. Janine Henry completed and submitted the Preschool Pilot Grant applications for USDs 420,421 and 434 prior to the deadline.
- B. Policy Updates for December 2021 were presented to the BOD for approval.

Eric Ratzloff made a motion to approve the TLEC Board Policy updates as presented. Motion was seconded by Greg McCurdy and passed unanimously.

- C. The Resolution to establish Board's regular meeting dates was presented for approval; stating that the TLEC BOD will establish regular meeting dates for the 2022-23 school year, at the July BOD meeting. The board also discussed moving the date of the March 2022 meeting to the *first* Monday of March (March 7, 2022) due to spring break.

Eric Ratzloff made a motion to approve the resolution to establish regular meeting dates at the July 2022 BOD meeting. Motion was seconded by Madison Sowers and passed unanimously.

Eric Ratzloff made a motion to change the date of the March 2022 meeting to March 7, 2022. Motion was seconded by Madison Sowers and passed unanimously.

5. Superintendent/Board Member Discussion Items

- A. A measure will be presented to the Legislature to relax the requirements for substitute teachers until June 1, 2022 in hopes of relieving staffing issues and hopefully keep schools open for in-person learning. If the motion is passed, substitute teacher applicants will be required to have a high school diploma, pass a background check, and be fingerprinted.

- B. Maintenance of Effort (SPED expenditure report) is due to KSDE on 1/14/22. Each member district is required to complete their individual portion and TLEC is responsible for final submission. At the time of the meeting USD 421 had not completed their portion.
- C. Fourth quarter ESSER II SPED expenditures were reported to the member districts so they could be included in the report due 1/14/22, to KSDE.
- D. The December 1, 2021 SPED headcount was presented. Counts are up from the previous year, and rising. New referral requests and GEI have risen as well. TLEC will present a report to the BOD at the conclusion of the 21-22 term showing the movement of students in and out of the cooperative/services.

6. Executive Session

- A. Matters Relating to Student Issues- Executive Session

No Executive Session-

- B. Matters Relating to Personnel Issues- Executive Session

- *Paraeducator Insurance Survey*

Motion was made by Eric Ratzloff and seconded by Greg McCurdy to enter executive session with the board, administrators, and the board clerk present beginning at 6:55 p.m. for a period of time not to exceed fifteen 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 7:10 p.m. in the TLEC boardroom. The meeting returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Eric Ratzloff and seconded by Julie Spielman and passed unanimously to continue the executive session an additional fifteen minutes at 7:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters relating to Personnel. The meeting will return to open session at 7:25 p.m. The meeting returned to open session at 7:25 p.m.

- C. Matters Relating to Negotiations- Executive Session

No Executive Session-

D. Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session-

No Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session-

Adjournment

Eric Ratzloff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion was seconded by Greg McCurdy, and it passed unanimously. The next regular board meeting will be held Monday February 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Three Lakes Education Cooperative office in Lyndon.