

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
ANW Special Education Interlocal #603
Humboldt, Kansas
June 11, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of ANW Special Education Interlocal #603 was called to order by Vice President Cassie Cleaver at 6:00 p.m. at the ANW Boardroom. Present were Cassie Cleaver #413, Taeler Carr #256, Wes Smith (alternate) #366, Dawn Wilson #101 (via zoom), Joyce Allen #258, and Jamie Henderson #479. Absent was Nicole Goodwin #387 and Robin Griffin-Lohman #257.

Administration present: Director Korenne Wolken, Julie Defebaugh, Camille Kerr, and Emily Williams. Others present: Kim Heslop, Whitney Ikehorn, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom), Aaron Wells (via zoom) and Board Clerk Kristi Houston.

Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Joyce Allen to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Board Member Robin Griffin-Lohman #257 joined the meeting via zoom at 6:02 p.m.

Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Taeler Carr to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Association Report: Kim Heslop reported that their Facebook account is activated; members paying dues through EFT withdrawals instead of payroll deductions; and Treasurer training.

Public open forum – none.

Correspondence to the Board – none.

Board members report – Joyce Allen reported on Humboldt's Promise program for college scholarships.

Board Training Topic - none.

CENTRAL OFFICE REPORTS – Director Korenne Wolken reported on the following:

- U.S.I. presentation by Charlie Upton and Aaron Wells regarding retirees' insurance. Shared data from other school districts; increasing retiree premium to 125% per state statute; marketplace coverage that is comparable with subsidies from the federal government and an H.R.A. U.S.I. will help the retiree on the marketplace for coverage. A motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to enter into Executive Session from 6:25 p.m. to 6:35 p.m. to discuss teacher benefits exception under KOMA due to employee-employer negotiations with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 6:35 p.m.
 - Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 6:35 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 6:45 p.m.
 - Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 6:45 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 6:50 p.m.
 - Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 6:50 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 6:55 p.m.
 - Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 6:55 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 7:00 p.m.
 - Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 7:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 7:05 p.m.

- Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 7:05 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 7:10 p.m.
- Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 7:10 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 7:20 p.m.
- Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 7:20 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 7:25 p.m.
- Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 7:25 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 7:30 p.m.
- Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Wes Smith to extend Executive Session from 7:30 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. with the Board of Education, Director Korenne Wolken, Tessa Morris, Charlie Upton (via zoom) and Aaron Wells (via zoom) present. Motion carried 7 - 0. Executive Session ended at 7:40 p.m.

Retiree Health Insurance. Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Taeler Carr to follow state statute and charge retirees' 125% of health insurance premium effective October 1, 2025 or \$500 H.R.A. starting with insurance change to be reevaluated yearly. Motion carried 6 – 1 with Robin Griffin-Lohman dissenting.

- Two teacher apprentice applications have been submitted to the Kansas Teacher Apprentice program.
- Korenne will be a guest on Nicki Harding's podcast.

Board member Robin Griffin-Lohman left the board meeting at 7:49 p.m.

- We have applicants for vacant licensed positions. We will only have 5 new licensed positions compared with 22 for last year. Word of mouth has helped to receive applicants for our vacant positions.
- Update on formal complaint: we proposed a resolution and the parent agreed.
- Additional SpEd funding with VI-B funds has not been released by the Feds.
- Categorical Aid estimate for next year is down an estimated \$136,000 for ANW.
- Admin will be attending a Leadership Conference the last week of June. Tara Glades, our new Assistant Director will be joining even though she doesn't officially start until July 1.
- Preservice for support staff and licensed staff dates were given. Meetings will be held at Iola school facilities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Approving Board Policy by KASB. Motion was made by Joyce Allen, seconded by Jamie Henderson to approve KASB Board Policies as presented with further updates as needed. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- Approving ANW Central Office Calendar. Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Taeler Carr to approve the 2025-26 ANW Central Office Calendar. Motion carried 6 - 0.
- Approving H.O.P.E. Calendar. Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Taeler Carr to approve the 2025-26 H.O.P.E. Calendar. Motion carried 6 - 0.
- Approving MOU for USD# 257. The MOU amount is "up to \$133,687" for 4 paras and 1 teacher at the pre-school. The amount is dependent on the number of paras. Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Wes Smith to approve the MOU with the changes. Motion carried 6 - 0.
- Approving FY 2025-26 Budget. The budget changed from last month with a \$136,000 difference. ANW decreased costs by \$86,000 and the Superintendents agreed to add \$50,000 which is an average of 1% more across the 8 districts. Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Wes Smith to approve the FY 2025-26 budget. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- Approving Substitute Rates. Motion was made by Wes Smith, seconded by Jamie Henderson to increase the Substitute daily rate to \$125. Motion carried 5 – 1 with Joyce Allen dissenting.
- Retiree Health Insurance. Was voted on after the above Executive Sessions.

NEW BUSINESS

- i. Approving MOU with USD #413. The MOU is for half of 6 teachers and 12 paras at the pre-school. Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Taeler Carr to approve the 2025-26 MOU with USD #413 for \$267,723. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- ii. Rodney Burns Engagement Letter. Motion was made by Taeler Carr, seconded by Jamie Henderson to approve the FY 25 audit engagement letter from Rodney Burns for \$5,500. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- iii. Work Comp Renewal for 25/26. Tessa Morris spoke about processes being implemented to meet work comp compliance requirements; mod factor and type of past claims. Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Taeler Carr to accept the 2025-26 renewal with KASB Worker’s Compensation for \$83,600. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- iv. Greenbush Inservice Contracts. The SLS (Specialized Learning Services) will provide increased training through out next school year for licensed and support staff. Other Greenbush invoices were presented for the board’s information. Motion was made by Jamie Henderson, seconded by Taeler Carr to approve the 2025-26 Greenbush invoice for SLS for \$12,000. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- v. Professional Development Contracts. Chris Perry has been working with the Behavioral Programs the last two years. Will propose 12 days next year instead of 20 days. Nicki Harding with the Inclusive Leadership lab has been working with the Leadership Team this year. Next month we will present proposals for the P.D. services provided by these two individuals.

Motion was made by Cassie Cleaver, seconded by Joyce Allen to amend the agenda to add New Business Item #vi for IEE Policy. Motion carried 6 – 0.

- vi. IEE Policy. Reviewed the Individual Education Evaluation (IEE) policy. Motion was made by Wes Smith, seconded by Joyce Allen to approve the IEE policy. Motion carried 6 – 0.

PERSONNEL

No Executive Session was needed. Motion was made by Taeler Carr, seconded by Jamie Henderson to approve the Licensed and Classified Personnel reports as presented. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion was made by Taeler Carr, seconded by Jamie Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Dawn Wilson, ANW Board President

Date

Kristi Houston, ANW Board Clerk

Date