

**THREE LAKES EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 14, 2022**

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to Order

Eric Ratzloff called to order the Three Lakes Educational Cooperative Board of Directors meeting at 6:31 p.m. on Monday February 14, 2022 at the TLEC Board Room.

B. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

BOARD MEMBERS

Julie Spielman
Todd Peterson
Eric Ratzloff
Madison Sowers
Pam Masters
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 Julie Spielman 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. Marilyn Runyon, one of TLEC's veteran OTs, has turned in her official letter of intent to retire at the conclusion of the 2021-22 school term. TLEC hopes to hire an in house replacement. In the event that a qualified candidate isn't found, services would have to be contracted from

another agency which would be more costly. TLEC has had contact with a potential candidate, but the position was not officially available at that time. Administration will reach out to see whether the candidate is still interested and available.

Additionally the SLP currently serving Lyndon and MDCVMS/HS has resigned effective at the end of the current school year. TLEC will make it's best effort to hire our own SLP, but has reached out to Greenbush (the least costly option) to inquire about additional teletherapy services for the 2022-23 school year. If teletherapy services are increased, district caseloads will be assessed and provider assignments may be adjusted, to ensure that our youngest students who aren't as successful with teletherapy have access to in person services.

One teacher, three paraeducators were hired, two resigned and one was terminated.

A section of HB2593 proposes: Decreasing the waiting period of certain retirants employed by a school district to 60 days, for a period ending 6/30/24. TLEC and member districts will be watching closely to see how this progresses.

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

3. Financial Information/Discussion

- A. Financial reports were presented. Revenue is higher than previous years and TLEC has yet to receive the fourth local assessment from member districts as well as two Categorical Aid payments. Expenses are up as well due to the following: A full year of tuition for a student at Lakemary Center, Higher volume of contracted services, and increased substitutes..

4. District Consultation

- A. December 1 SPED headcount was presented. Student counts are up from the 2020-2021 headcount by approximately 42, and have marginally risen above (2019-20) pre-pandemic levels. Students with the gifted classification have dropped by approximately 66 since last year.

5. Superintendent/Board Member Discussion Items

- A. The Maintenance of Effort (MOE) report was submitted to KSDE in January 2022, and TLEC was alerted that MOE had not been met. There are four individual tests to see if MOE is met, our report indicated that none of the tests were passed. In order to correct the report and meet MOE, exceptions can be reported to be included in the test calculations. In speaking with KSDE they indicated that a large number of districts had not met MOE for 2020-21. KSDE further explained that due to the large drop in the number of students due to the pandemic in 2020-21 had prompted them to offer a one year "Decrease in Enrollment" exception. Using the enrollment exception provided, as well as voluntary staff departure exceptions, we were able to meet all four tests for MOE, which will help to meet MOE in future years.
- B. The LPR was completed by TLEC February 1st. TLEC administration will be visiting member districts to offer help in reporting shared staff on their LPRs.

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 6:50 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 7:10 p.m. in the TLEC boardroom. The meeting returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

- C. Matters Relating to Negotiations- Executive Session

-Negotiation Letter to AFT

-Greenbush Negotiations Training

D. Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session-

Julie Spielman made a motion to set the employee paid portion on the upcoming *Paraeducator Insurance Survey* at 7.5%, the motion was seconded by Todd Peterson and did not pass, with a 3-3 result.

Todd Peterson made a motion to set the employee paid portion on the upcoming *Paraeducator Insurance Survey* at 8%, the motion was seconded by Pam Masters and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

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