

Doniphan County Education Coop #616
Regular Board
Meeting
November 19, 2025 at 6:15 pm

The regular board meeting was called to order by President Sue Bartley at 6:15 pm. (Call to Order)

A moment of silence was taken. (Moment of Silence)

Nathan Geiger, & Steve Bowe, Troy
Brad McCauley, Doniphan West
Sue Bartley & Erin Shackelford, Riverside
Superintendents: Pat McKernan, Troy (Members Present)

Kristin Franken, Director
Sheila Marriott, Board Clerk

Superintendents: Jennifer Gatz, Riverside & Heather Ball, Doniphan West
Zach Lee, Doniphan West (Members Absent)

Visitors: Laura Benitz, Micca Carpenter, Samantha Mitchell

Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the agenda. (Agenda)
Erin Shackelford seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Erin Shackelford made a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Consent Agenda)
Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Forum: (Patron Communications)
None

Director Report

Director Franken attended the Tri-State Special Education Law Conference in Omaha earlier this month. This conference is funded by the TIP Grant.

Paraprofessional evaluations were due by November 14th. Cooperating teachers complete these and building administrators also provide feedback.

MOE opened November 14th and will close January 14th, the district portion of this is due December 15th.

The first round of PCA has been completed, and we have received the flow-through from the districts.

The independent financial audit with Varneys and Associates is complete, waiting on the final paperwork.

Medicaid update was given on the amount that is being recouped for the Kansas Department of Health.

New teachers have completed day 2 of SDI training at Greenbush in Lawrence.

New paraprofessionals are working to complete their required Highly Qualified Training through online training system. This is not mandatory by KSDE, or the member district but a requirement for DCEC.

All DCEC teachers, the MIS clerk and the DCEC Director have completed training on IEP goal writing. The next training will be on January 5th.

A Riverside SLP has returned from maternity leave.

DCEC will host a Christmas Open House throughout the day of December 18th for all DCEC staff to stop by.

The Director will be attending member district board meetings over the next several months to give the DCEC report.

The meeting at Riverside was attended last week and will attend both Troy and Doniphan West in December.

Nathan Geiger made a motion to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes (Executive Session)
to discuss personnel matters pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, the open meeting will resume in the meeting room at 6:29 pm.
Erin Shackelford seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Board President invited Kristin Franken-Director and the Superintendent to stay for executive session.

The meeting resumed at 6:29 pm.

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve a teachers contract (Executive Session Action)
for the 2026-27 school year for Allison Schultz.

Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the resignation/retirement of Anita Long. (Teacher Resignations)
Steve Bowe made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Brad McCauley seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve a paraprofessional work agreement (Para Work Agreements)
for Adakis Moppin.
Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Erin Shackelford seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board forgo the December 2025 DCEC board meeting.
Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Erin Shackelford seconded. Motion carried (5-0).

Erin Shackelford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm. (Adjourn)
Brad McCauley seconded. Motion Carried (5-0).

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