Doniphan County Education Coop #616
Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2026 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 & Jerry Boos, Doniphan West
Sue Bartley & Erin Shackelford, Riverside (Members Present)

Kristin Franken, Director
Sheila Marriott, Board Clerk

Superintendents: Robert Reed, Riverside, Steve Pegram, Doniphan West & Pat McKernan, Troy (Members Absent)

Nathan Geiger made a motion to approve the agenda. Erin Shackelford seconded. Motion carried (6-0). (Agenda)

Erin Shackelford made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (6-0). (Consent Agenda)

Public Forum:
None (Patron Communications)

Director Report
Director Franken attended the Tri-State Special Education Law Conference in Omaha. The KSDE Maintenance of Effort reporting was scheduled to open November 14th. It has not opened as of today.
The Troy and Doniphan West SLP has returned from maternity leave. A Troy teacher that was out on medical leave has returned. The handicapped van that was purchased for the county has been delivered and all inspections have been completed. An online reservation system has been developed allowing all district to request/schedule the van.
A legislative update was given and discussed. Information regarding Text-to-Speech accommodations for state assessments has been shared with building administrators. DCEC will assist districts as needed. Julie Speer will retire at the end of December after nearly 25 years as a DCEC paraprofessional. Julie has been a dependable and valued support to the teachers she has worked with. She will be missed. DCEC will recognize her years of dedicated service in December at TGS.
Tiny-K transition meetings are being coordinated. Paraprofessional interviews have been conducted over the past week. Paraprofessional evaluations have been completed with follow-up conferences with supervising teachers will be conducted where needed. Progress reports have been completed and sent to parents. Progress reports are provided four times each school year. DCEC will host an open house for employees at the DCEC office on December 17th.

Brad McCauley made a motion to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, the open meeting will resume in the meeting room at 6:38 pm. Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (6-0). (Executive Session)
Board President invited Kristin Franken-Director to stay for executive session.
The meeting resumed at 6:38 pm.

Brad McCauley made a motion to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, the open meeting will resume in the meeting room at 6:43 pm. Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (6-0). (Executive Session)
Board President invited Kristin Franken-Director to stay for executive session.
The meeting resumed at 6:43 pm.

Brad McCauley made a motion to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, the open meeting will resume in the meeting room at 6:48 pm. (Executive Session)

Nathan Geiger seconded. Motion carried (6-0).
Board President invited Kristin Franken-Director to stay for executive session.
The meeting resumed at 6:48 pm.

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve paraprofessional work agreements for Brennah Edie and Wakota Pierce. (Executive Session Action)
Erin Shackelford made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board approve the resignation/retirement of Julie Speer with regret. (Para Retirement/Resignation)
Erin Shackelford made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Brad McCauley seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Kristin Franken recommended the board forgo the December 2026 DCEC board meeting. (December Board Meeting)
Erin Shackelford made a motion to approve the recommendation.
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion carried (6-0).

Erin Shackelford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm. (Adjourn)
Steve Bowe seconded. Motion Carried (6-0).

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Sheila Marriott , Clerk of the Board Date