

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 24, 2019

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held in the East Central Conference room on April 24, 2019, at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Nancy Bollingberg, Jill Louters, Brian Duchscherer, Jenna Helseth, Natalie Becker, Matt Lokemoen, Kurt Hayes. **Absent:** Lane Azure

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bollingberg.

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky, Coordinator; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Allison Haley, ECEA Representative

Additions to the Agenda: Teacher retirements.

Minutes: A motion was made by Louters and seconded by Becker to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Monthly Bills: Reviewed financial report and monthly bills. A motion was made by Louters and seconded by Becker to approve the financials. Motion carried. A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Duchscherer to approve the financials. Motion carried.

Negotiation Committee Report: Board Negotiation Representative Louters reported that closed negotiation meetings were held on March 22 and April 1, 2019. A negotiation meeting was held on April 2, 2019 with teacher representatives, Chelsea Aljets and Lori Richter. The teachers communicated their items for negotiation.

Coordinator's Report:

Teacher Evaluation: Coordinator Wolsky reported teacher evaluations were completed by April 15.

Preschool Screening: Coordinator Wolsky reported preschool screenings took place in Buchanan, Carrington, Kensal and New Rockford. The last day of screening will be April 25 at New Rockford. Wolsky was happy with the turnout.

Staff openings for 2019-20: Coordinator Wolsky reported that the following positions are open for the 2019-20 school year: K-12 Special Education teacher in Fessenden-Bowdon, High School Special Education teacher in Carrington, Speech Pathologists for New Rockford, Oberon, Carrington and Pingree-Buchanan.

Professional Development with Dr. Ryan: Dr. Ryan comes highly recommended for his Behavior Management training. Coordinator Wolsky recommended providing a full day of training for both general and special education teachers, including paraprofessionals. Dr. Ryan will be in Minot, ND on September 12, 2019, so if East Central scheduled on the 11th or 13th we could split the travel costs with Minot. After much discussion on dates and who should attend, it was suggested that Wolsky survey the school for possible dates for the training. After the survey, Wolsky will schedule accordingly.

Health insurance for Paraprofessionals: Some discussion was held regarding offering health insurance benefits for paraprofessionals. Due to current budget issues, the topic was tabled.

Board President Report:


Director: Chairperson Bollingberg congratulated Wolsky on completing her Director credentials.

Credit Union Savings Account: Due to the need for funds for cash flow purposes, a motion was made by Becker and seconded by Hayes to close the savings account at the Credit Union. Motion carried.

Technology Funds: Coordinator Wolsky requested that the East Central staff be included in their home school's technology rotation and have the school services the technology need. After much discussion a motion was made by Helseth to have the schools cover technology needs for East Central staff in their schools. Motion as seconded by Duchscherer. The motion passed with Bollingberg, Becker, Duchscherer, Lokemoen, Hayes voting in favor and Louters voting against.

Letters of Resignation: A motion was made by Duchscherer and seconded by Becker to accept the letter of resignation from Joyce Boucher. Motion carried. A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Helseth to accept the resignation of Vikki Cartwright. Motion carried. A motion was made by Helseth and seconded by Becker to accept the resignation of Karen Birkeland. Motion carried. The Board members expressed their thanks to these employees for their years of service to East Central.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 10:00 am, at the East Central building.


Nancy Bollingberg, Board President


Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

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Date approved