

## **EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**May 15, 2019**

**The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held in the East Central Conference room on May 15, 2019, at 10:00 am.**

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

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

**Others Present:** Ashly Wolsky, Coordinator; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Laurene Heintz, ECEA Representative.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Kelly Carlson contract.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Helseth to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

**Financial Report and Monthly Bills:** Reviewed financial report and monthly bills. A motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Becker to approve the financials. Motion carried. Due to the early date of the board meeting, the bills listing provided did not include all anticipated bills. Allmaras stated that the Blue Cross Blue Shield bill and VISA statement had not been received yet. A motion was made by Helseth, seconded by Becker to approve the bills including these additional bills. Motion carried.

#### **Director's Report:**

**Professional Development with Dr. Ryan:** Director Wolsky reported Dr. Ryan is not available in August and is still working with him to secure a date for professional development.

**Training and Meetings:** Wolsky reported she will be attending a regional director's meeting in Fargo on May 16 and a director's conference in Bismarck June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Allmaras attended year end SUI training in Fargo on May 16 and will be attending PERS training in Bismarck on June 19.

**Grants:** Wolsky reported the IDEA-B and Preschool grant summaries have been submitted.

**Paraprofessionals:** Wolsky reported that another paraprofessional resigned. A major reason for these resignations is no health insurance benefit available for this position at East Central.

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation:** Wolsky reported that teacher/staff appreciation was held during the Zones of Regulation training in May. Teacher retirements were also celebrated with gifts presented to the retiring teachers.

**Social Worker:** Wolsky reported our Social Worker, Danell Pranke, is currently serving 22 East Central students. Wolsky has talked with Pingree-Buchanan and Fessenden-Bowdon schools to possibly purchase some of Pranke's time to provide counseling services to these school. No contracts have been written at this time.

**Transition Coordinator:** Wolsky reported our Transition Coordinator, Vickie Becvar, is currently serving 36 students within East Central.

**Speech Pathologist:** Wolsky reported concerns regarding the filling of a speech pathology position. She has been in contact with colleges and also companies to contract speech services. She will continue to work on filling this position.

**Board President Report:**

**Letter of Resignation:** A motion was made by Helseth, seconded by Duchscherer to accept the letter of resignation from Kori Jensen. Motion carried.

**Audit Services for FY2019:** Wolsky presented the audit engagement letter from Dempsey Accounting and Tax Services. After discussion it was decided to advertise in The Transcript a request for proposal for audit services. Approval of service was tabled until June meeting.

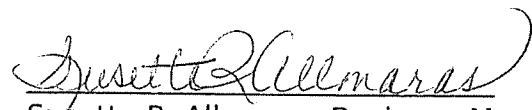
**Speech Contract:** Wolsky presented a Speech Pathologist contract for Kelly Carlson. A motion was made by Helseth, seconded by Lokemoen to accept the contract for Kelly Carlson. Motion carried.

**Executive Session:** At 11:18 am a motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Becker to move the meeting into executive session according to NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) to discuss negotiation strategy for the 2019-20 certified teaching staff. Motion carried.

At 11:32 am a motion was made by Lokemoen, seconded by Becker to return from executive session. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, July 21, 2019, 10:00 am, at the East Central building.

*Nancy Bollingberg*, Board President  
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Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

6/20/2019

Date approved