EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 20, 2019

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held in the East Central Conference room on June 20, 2019, at 9:00 am.

Members Present: Nancy Bollingberg, Jill Louters, Jenna Helseth, Matt Lokemoen, Kurt Haye, Lane Azure (by phone). Absent: Natalie Becker, Brian Duchscherer.

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

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

Minutes: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Helseth to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Director's Report:

Financial Audit: A motion was made by Azure and seconded by Helseth to accept the financial audit bid for the FYE June 30, 2019, from Dempsey Accounting & Tax Service for \$2,850. In favor: Bollingberg, Louters, Helseth, Hayes, Azure. Opposed: Lokemoen. Motion carried.

ESY: Wolsky reported that ESY started June 1 and she has concerns about student attendance. More consideration will be given as to how to handle the attendance issue in the future.

Presence Learning: Wolsky reported that Presence Learning, speech teletherapy provided a training session that was attended by Wolsky, Jennifer Baumbach, Special Ed teacher and LaShane Schimelfenig, Paraprofessional. The contract with Presence Learning will begin in August and can be canceled with a 45-day notice, if a Speech teacher were to be hired.

Dr. Ryan: Souris Valley Special Services has invited East Central staff to attend the training with Dr. Ryan in Minot on September 12, 2019 at 8:30 am. Wolsky would like to send the EC teachers and invited the Unit staff to attend also.

Building Updates: Megan Thompson has painted the from of the East Central building. Wolsky will be ordering a new sign for the front of the building. Josh Guler, Bank Forward, has agreed to mow the lawn at East Central at no charge.

2019-2010 Budget: The budget was reviewed. A detailed calculation of the Social Workers revenue was reviewed. The budget includes a full-time Social Worker with some time being contracted to Unit schools. A detail of the 2019-20 Assessment was reviewed. After much discussion a motion was made by Louters, seconded by Azure, to set up a budget review committee to include Bollingberg, Wolsky, Allmaras. Motion carried. A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Helseth, to approve the preliminary budget. Motion carried.

Board President Report:

Executive Session: At 10:38 am a motion was made by Bollingberg, seconded by Louters 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 11:08 am a motion was made by Louters, seconded by Helseth to return from executive session. Motion carried.

Director's Salary: A motion was made by Helseth and seconded by Azure to increase the director's salary \$5,000 effective July 1, 2019 and \$5,000 effective July 1, 2020. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular board meeting will be scheduled when the negotiation process is completed.

Nancy Bollingberg, Board President

Susétte R. Allmaras, Business Manager

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