

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 18, 2020

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held at East Central and via Zoom (video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic) on November 18, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Jill Louters, Kris Kuehn, Jenna Helseth, Matt Lokemoen, D'Aulan Bussman (by Zoom), Avolt Baumbach, Robert Toso, Absent: Jordan Brown

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

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky, Director; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Morgan Wetzel, ECEA Representative

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2020 board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Baumbach, seconded by Lokemoen, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

ESSER \$3,000 Preschool Grant: Director Wolsky reported the ESSER Preschool Grant in the amount of \$3,000 was approved. The funds will be used for TEACCH training (Autism/Early Childhood) by the SLP, SLPP and Preschool teacher. Orton Gillinham Training (dyslexia) will be completed by NR-S Elementary teacher. Remaining funds will be used for preschool screening supplies.

ND Health Insurance Trust: Wolsky and Allmaras attended informational meetings on October 28 and 29. Paperwork has been submitted for information on the plan.

EC Board & ECEA Meeting: Wolsky reported a meeting was held on November 12, 2020 with East Central teachers and the following board members: Helseth, Lokemoen and Toso. The purpose of the meeting was to hear EC teacher concerns that continue after the negotiation impasse. The response from the teachers is that they do not want their contracts to be held by the school districts.

COVID-19 Funding: Wolsky asked the districts to please consider including the special ed staff in the extra hours/training Covid funding as the special education units do not received any additional funding from the state.

Transition Grant: Wolsky reported she is working on a \$10,000 proposal. The proposal is due November 24.

Board President's Report:

Teacher Meeting: Helseth requested the subject of who holds the teachers' contracts be added to the December 2020 board meeting agenda.

Items Recommended for Board Action:

Policy B-125 New Member: A motion was made by Louters and seconded by Kuehn to amend B-125 New Member policy as presented on the first reading and waive the second reading. Motion carried.

Policy B-126 Withdrawal: A motion was made by Toso and seconded by Kuehn to approve the first reading of the amended policy B-126 Withdrawal as presented. Motion carried.

Policy B-223 Number/Residence: A motion was made by Louters, and seconded by Toso to approve the first reading of the amended policy B-223 Number/Residence as presented. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be held December 16, 2020 at 10:00 am at the East Central office. With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Jenna Helseth, Board President

Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

Date approved