

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 19, 2016

The regular board meeting for the East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held at the East Central office on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Members present: Lane Azure, Daren Christianson, Jill Louters, Natalie Becker, Tom Tracy and Nancy Bollingberg.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Louters.

Others Present: Denise Brandvold, director; Cindy Johnson, business manager; Devon Allmaras, County Superintendent of Schools; and Vikki Cartwright, teachers' representative, were also present.

Extended Concerns: Vice Chairman Louters wished to express sympathy and concern to the Carrington school district at the loss of a former student.

Minutes: A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Christianson, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Christianson, seconded by Tracy, to accept the monthly financial report. Motion carried.

Board Expenditures: A motion was made by Bollingberg, seconded by Christianson, to accept the bill listing as reviewed by the board. Motion carried.

Director's Reports to the Board:

Fund Balance: Mrs. Brandvold reported that the financials reflect the expenditures currently at 74% expended and revenues at 97% received.

IDEA Grant: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that the final IDEA funding grant had been increased by \$24.99 bringing the grant total for the 2016-17 school year to \$301,325.99. The proposed budget will be adjusted to reflect this increase. The final total awarded amount reflects a decrease of \$18,544 from the previous year's award.

Open Enrollment Reimbursement: The director noted that the districts should be receiving their open enrollment dollars soon and wished to request submission to East Central's in June for the administrative portion.

CompuClaim: Business Manager Johnson reported to the board on the satisfaction and ease of use in the new CompuClaim software program. This program is now used to obtain reimbursement from the State of North Dakota for the Medicaid service claims.

Sanford Health: Mrs. Johnson also reported that upon discussion with Courtney Schauer, Sanford representative, he said that the schools within the East Central Special Ed Unit banning together to provide coverage to unit involved schools would experience failure upon hitting the underwriting desks. He did state that he would pursue the possibilities of rendering East Central as a large employer if its allowed to go by the W-2 yearly count as opposed to the FTE calculations. Mrs. Johnson requested that Mr. Schauer present, in writing, a ruling from the state and/or federal levels that accepts that method for calculation of large employer. It was noted by Vice Chairman Louters that the attempt by the NR-S school district to be accepted by Sanford for health coverage was rejected upon receipt of the NR-S census at the underwriters.

2016-17 Assessments: Discussion was held concerning assessments and the mill levy amount to use in the formula calculations for the 2016-17 assessments. A motion was made by Christianson, seconded by Becker, to table action until the next meeting. Motion carried. It was noted that the first quarter assessments will be invoiced at the current billing amount with adjustments to the remaining three quarters to follow upon the mill decision.

2016-17 Budget: A motion was made by Christianson, seconded by Bollingberg, to also table the approval of the 2016-17 financial budget until the determination of mills at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Golden Acres Contracted Service Agreement: Upon the resignation of Rachel Jordaan, SLP contracted services with Golden Acres, a motion was made by Bollingberg, seconded by Christianson to accept the release of service agreement request from Golden Acres.

Letter of Resignation: A letter of resignation and request for release from contract by Claude Robinson, SLD teacher for Oberon and NR-S, was placed before the board. Upon discussion a motion was made by Christianson, seconded by Bollingberg, to accept the release from contract. Roll call vote was as follows:

Becker - Yes
Bollingberg - Yes
Christianson – Yes
Tracy – No
Louters – No
Azure – Yes

Motion carried. It was noted that the breach of contract was within time limit so as not to require a payment for liquidated damages.

Staffing assignments: The difficulty of scheduling of shared staff between districts due to the difference in school district calendars was discussed. It was suggested that it be further discussed and contemplated at a future meeting.

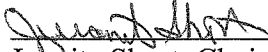
ESY Agreements: A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Bollingberg, to accept the ESY Agreements as offered to staff members Vikki Cartwright, Laurene Heintz and Lori Richter. Motion carried.

Para Open Positions: It was noted that there still remains open positions for a para in the districts of F-B, Kensal and Carrington.

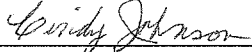
AFLAC: Board member Bollingberg requested that the staff be canvased to see if there is any interest among employees to have AFLAC coverage, paid at total employee expense, for the 2017-18 school year. She informed the board that interest has been expressed by one East Central employee from her district.

Zones of Regulations: The board was informed that there will be training for the Zones of Regulations in Fargo on July 19th. Five various webinar sites will be available on August 16th. The training is being fully funded by the DPI with no cost to the districts. Mrs. Brandvold is encouraging all staff to attend and wanted to assure board members that the training is also open to regular ed staff.

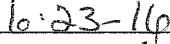
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.
The next regular board meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.



Juanita Short, Chairman



Cindy Johnson, BsMgr.



Date approved