

# EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

## MINUTES OF MEETING

June 23, 2016

The regular board meeting for the East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held at the East Central office on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Members present: Tom Tracy, Nancy Bollingberg, Juanita Short and Brian Duchscherer.

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

Others Present: Denise Brandvold, director; Cindy Johnson, business manager; DeVon Allmaras, County Superintendent of Schools; and Karen Birkeland, teacher's representative, were also present.

Minutes: A motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Tracy to approve the minutes from both the meetings of May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

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

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

### Director's Reports to the Board:

Mrs. Brandvold reported that the current expenditures stand at 100.65% expended and revenues at 97.9% received so far.

Para Positions: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that one elementary para and one high school para were still needed. It was noted that one application for a teaching position had arrived by mail this morning and that she will be contacting the applicant after the meeting. No applications for the Oberon/NR-S teaching position had been received to date.

Presence Learning: The board was informed of the Presence Learning Company that provides qualified teachers for special ed services to students via computer. The cost is approximately \$68.75 per hour. An up-to-date, current computer and web access would be required for the delivery of services. Mrs. Brandvold is currently attempting to negotiate a lower cost per hour with the company.

Open Enrollees: Unit members were again encouraged to obtain their dollars from serving districts so that East Central will be able to receive their portion for administrative costs by the close of the current fiscal year.

Newly Awarded Grants: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that two newly applied for grants had been approved and awarded by the state to East Central. The first grant, Zones of Regulation, will be for the allocated amount of 8,500, and the second grant received, Nurtured Heart Approach, will be for the amount of 14,000. It will be the intent to implement both the Zones and Nurtured Heart Approach unit wide. Training will be held in Fargo in July with the attendee to instruct unit staff in the fall.

Policy C-401: The board conducted an informational reviewed Policy C-401 ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER. No suggestions for change in policy were made at this time.

Mill Assessment: Upon reviewing dollars generated by the unit remaining at an assessment of one mill, a motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Bollingberg to leave it at the current one mill collection. Motion carried.

Budget for 2016-17: Upon the acceptance of the one mill assessment and with the understanding that the two newly awarded grants will be incorporated into the budget, a motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Duchscherer, to approve the 2016-17 budget as presented to the board for approval. Motion carried.

Staff Resignation: A motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Bollingberg to reconsider the decision to not release Mrs. Kutz, the newly hired SLD teacher, from her current contract. Motion carried.

Upon, a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Bollingberg, seconded by Duchscherer, to release Mrs. Kutz from her 2016-17 teaching contract contingent upon receiving the required monetary amount from Mrs. Kutz according to the liquid damages schedule. The amount that is to be required stands at a cost of \$500.

Roll call vote:  
Duchscherer – Yes  
Bollingberg – Yes  
Tracy – No  
Short – Yes

Motion carried. Director Brandvold was instructed to proceed with the process for release.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.  
The next regular board meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

*Nancy Bollingberg, Acting Chair*  
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Juanita Short, Chairman

*Cindy Johnson*  
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Date approved