

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 19, 2016

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

Members Present: Members present: Juanita Short, Tom Tracy, Brian Duchscherer, Denise Harrington, Jill Louters and Natalie Becker.

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 Corrine Frost, teacher's representative, were also present.

Minutes: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Duchscherer, to approve the minutes from the September 21st and September 27th meetings. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The board held discussion on the payment for an out-of-state student placement if no meeting notices or IEPs are received by the home district or unit. The board gave directive to Mrs. Brandvold to see if that would circumvent payment. A motion was made by Becker, seconded by Tracy, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Board Expenditures: A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Louters, 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 budget is in line with expected expenditures and revenue at this time. Figures for the end of September reflect expenditures at 12.28% and revenue received at 22.44%.

Revised Assessment Billings: The board reviewed the assessment billings for each district that were adjusted to reflect the change in staffing and service deliveries. These changes will be implemented with the collection of the remaining third and fourth quarter payments. The following was also noted: Oberon will be directed billed for the Presence Learning; NR-S for the cost of the long-term sub in place for elementary SLD services; Kensal for SLD services; and Carrington for SLPA services. These charges will be calculated after the completion of the December payroll with payment due in January and again after the completion of the May payroll with payment due in June.

State Improvement Plan: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that the team will be meeting again before Christmas to review the goals for advanced ed as required by the DPI.

Regional Fair: The board was informed of the Regional Career Fair the will be held at the Civic Center in Jamestown on November 17th. It was noted that the fair will provide hands-on from various career vendors and is open for transition age students, both regular and special ed.

Staff Salaries: The board reviewed the complete listing of East Central salaries for all positions within the unit. Discussion was held concerning the board cost of the insurance benefit as provided to eligible Blue Cross Blues Shield plan members. Discussion was held on the advantages of the districts holding the teaching contracts for SLD, SLP and EMH rather than the unit since they are direct billables in the yearly assessment costs for the each school district. The board gave directive that a survey be conducted of other special ed units within the state to see what coverage expense they provide and to what staffing positions the coverage is made available. The board also requested that a survey be complied from the member districts in order to compare provided coverage expense.

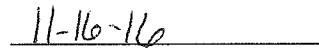
Comprehensive Plan: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Becker, to approve the Comprehensive General Plan as prepared for submission. Motion carried.

ED Guidelines: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that a number of East Central staff will be attending a workshop in Bismarck on November 15th. The workshop's focus will be on the current changes to the ED guidelines.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next regular board meeting will be scheduled for November 16, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.


Juanita Short, Chairman


Cindy Johnson, BsMgr.


Date approved