

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 22, 2017

The regular board meeting for the East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held at the East Central office on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Members present: Juanita Short, Lane Azure, Brian Duchscherer, Nancy Bollingberg, Denise Harrington, and Tom Tracy

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

Others Present: Denise Brandvold, director; Samantha Pfeiffer, business manager; DeVon Allmaras, County Superintendent of Schools; and Laurene Heintz, teacher's representative.

Addition to the Agenda: Update on the group trip to Annie's House and the resignation of Ken Holte, custodian, and paraprofessional sub pay was added to the established agenda.

Minutes: A motion was made by Azure, seconded by Tracy, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 15th, 2017. Motion carried.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Bollingberg, seconded by Tracy, to accept the monthly financial report. 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 February reflected expenditures at 62.31% and revenue received at 80.13%.

Open Positons: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that there were two inquiries about the teaching vacancies in New Rockford and Oberon, however she has not received any applications yet. Mrs. Brandvold also informed the board about an online option for Speech/Language services through a company called Tiny Eye. There was discussion about online learning, but no decision was made.

Summer School: Laurene Heintz, Vikki Cartwright, Lori Richter, and Joyce Boucher have all expressed interest in working for summer school.

Student Contracts: The last of the student contracts are being finished up and mailings have gone out to the districts for billing the school of residency for services.

Annie's House: The trip to Annie's house for the BOB group was an enormous success. The students had a long day, but enjoyed it very much and have already asked when they can return. There was also an article and pictures in the New Rockford Transcript from the trip.

Ken Holte is resigning as East Central's custodian. He has been the custodian for 19 years and his final

day will be March 31st. Mrs. Brandvold will seek to find someone to fill the position. The position is 2 hours, three days a week.

Paraprofessional Sub Pay: The issue of finding paraprofessional substitutes was discussed. Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that some districts have offered teacher substitute pay to licensed teachers when subbing for paraprofessionals when substitutes can't be found.



Director's Evaluation: Mrs. Short informed the board that Mrs. Brandvold's evaluation was very satisfactory. The board thanked Mrs. Brandvold for the wonderful work she is doing.

C-200 Staff Hiring Policy: Mrs. Brandvold read a proposed revision of East Central's policy C-200 Staff Hiring. The change would allow districts the options to carry the contracts on newly hired teachers. After discussion, there were some changes suggested, so a second reading will be brought and read at the meeting on April 19th.

Negotiations: The final list from the East Central Teachers Association was read at the meeting and negotiations were discussed. Dr. Duchscherer suggested that the board go into executive session at the April 19th meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of the East Central board will be on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 10am, at the East Central office.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.


Juanita Short, Chairman

Samantha Pfeiffer, BsMgr.
4/19/17
Date approved