

# EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

## MINUTES OF MEETING

April 19, 2017

The regular board meeting for the East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held at the East Central office on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Members present: Juanita Short, Brian Duchscherer, Nancy Bollingberg, Denise Harrington, Natalie Becker, 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 Allison Haley, teacher's representative.

Minutes: A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Harrington, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 22nd, 2017. Motion carried.

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

Monthly Bills: A motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Bollingberg, to accept the monthly bills. Motion carried.

### Director's Reports to the Board:

Fund Balance: Mrs. Brandvold reported that the budget is in line with expected expenditures and revenue now. Figures for the end of March reflected expenditures at 71.60% and revenue received at 83.25%.

IDEA B grant and Preschool Grant: Mrs. Brandvold reported that there is no information about these grants for the upcoming 17-18 school year.

Retirement Open House: Mrs. Brandvold reminded the board that there will be a retirement open house on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5 pm for Corrine Frost.

Out of District Billings: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that all out of district billings have all been mailed out to the district of residence for the 16-17 school year.

State Performance Reports: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that these reports were what she expected them to be, overall good performance.

BCBS: Ms. Pfeiffer presented the board with figures for East Central to remain in grandfathered status for their health insurance coverage. It is necessary for East Central to pay 53% of a family policy, 78% of a Single Plus Dependent policy, and 100% of a Single policy.


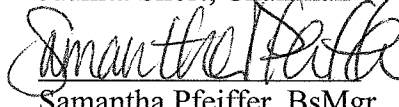
Open Positions: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that there have been no applicants for the vacant Carrington position. She also talked to a company in California that brings Speech professionals from the Philippines on work visas to teach. However, this company has filled all the visas. Tiny Eye and Presence Learning are also two online options that were discussed. In New Rockford, Mrs. Brandvold explained that she has a long-term sub who will commit to the elementary teaching position for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Brandvold has also contacted other special education units and they are having the same hiring issues we are. Dr. Duchscherer suggested contacting Mandan Special Education Unit because they just filled a position and had multiple applicants. The possibility might be there to contact the #2 & 3 applicants and see if relocation would be an option. For Oberon, Mrs. Brandvold is going to again use Presence Learning for the 2017-18 school year.

C-200 Staff Hiring Policy: The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of East Central's policy C-200 Staff Hiring was completed. The change would allow districts the options to carry the contracts on newly hired teachers. A motion was made Bollingberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duchscherer, to approved the new policy. Motion carried.

Executive Session: At 10:45 am a motion was made by Duchscherer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tracy to move the meeting into executive session according to NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) to discuss negotiation strategy for the 2017-18 certified staff. Motion carried.

At 11:01 am, a motion was made by Duchscherer, seconded by Becker, to return from executive session. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am. The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 10:00 am, at the East Central Office.

  
Juanita Short, Chairman  
  
Samantha Pfeiffer, BsMgr.

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Date approved