

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 17, 2017

The regular board meeting for the East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held at the East Central office on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

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

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 Karen Birkeland, teacher's representative.

Minutes: A motion was made by Harrington, seconded by Azure, to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 19th, 2017. Motion carried.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Bollingberg, seconded by Tracy, 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 figures were higher than what was projected in the initial budget. Figures for the end of April reflected expenditures at 81.22% and revenue received at 100.23%.

Transfers: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that Leah Thoms will be transferring to Pingree Buchanan school and Lori Richter will be transferring to Carrington Elementary for the 2017-18 school year.

Staff Openings: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that she has been in contact with a company named Humanus. They do have teachers in North Dakota so she is looking into the possibility of using them to fill the Oberon and New Rockford vacancies. She also has talked to a retired teacher who will commit to teaching the first semester of the 2017-18 school year.

Staff Resignations: We will be losing several paras at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Brandvold will start advertising immediately. This will give us time to fill the positions and hold some trainings for the new staff before the start of the 2017-18 school year.

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.

BCBS: Ms. Pfeiffer explained that our health insurance decreased by 1.6% and a family dental plan increased from \$111.50 a month to \$119.10.

Stipend for Returning Staff: Mrs. Brandvold informed the board that one of our para professionals that resigned was accepted into the college to complete her teaching degree. Mrs. Brandvold wondered if the board would be willing to adopt a policy for a stipend to help cover her tuition if she returns to work at East Central. This stipend would be contingent upon her completion of the program and her staying with the unit for several years. The board asked that Mrs. Brandvold contact other agencies and find out what their policies state and bring it to the next meeting.

Assessments: Assessments for the 2017-18 school year were disbursed. The board was advised that the assessments are not complete and will not be completed until negotiations conclude.

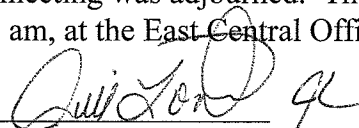
ESY Contracts: A motion was made by Bollingberg, seconded by Azure, to approved the contracts for Lori Richter, Vikki Cartwright, and Laurene Heinz for teaching summer school. There will still be one more contract to approve for Joyce Boucher.

Negotiations: Mrs. Bollingberg informed the board that the first negotiations meeting was held on May 15th, 2017. The teacher's association proposal included a \$2,000 increase on the base for 17-18 and a \$1,500 increase to the base in 18-19. They also proposed a change to terminology in the negotiated agreement. They would like to see the health insurance portion of the agreement revised to include the percentages East Central needs to pay to remain grandfathered. They would also like the dental portion terminology revised to include that East Central will pay for a full family dental plan. Another one of their proposals was to increase the teacher's personal days by 1-2 days. The teacher's association would like to see the policy on work outside of contracted time increase to \$30/hour. Right now, the current rate is \$20/hour. Finally, the teacher's association would like to negotiate a two-year contract.

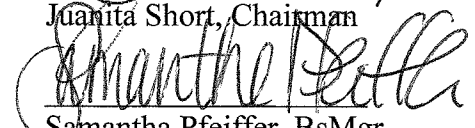
A motion was made by Azure, to hold an executive session meeting after the regular meeting, the motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Brandvold talked to the board about long term subs versus regular subs. She just needed some clarification.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 10:00 am, at the East Central Office.



Juanita Short, Chairman



Samantha Pfeiffer, BsMgr.

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Date approved