

## EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

### MINUTES OF MEETING

March 18, 2020

**The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held via Zoom (video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic) on March 18, 2020, at 10:00 am.**

**Members Present:** Nancy Bollingberg, Mary Ann Broe, Jill Louters, Natalie Becker, Matt Lokemoen, Kurt Hayes, Sara Bilden. **Absent:** Brian Duchscherer, Jenna Helseth,

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bollingberg.

**Others Present:** Ashly Wolsky, Director; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Laurene Heintz, ECEA Representative

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Becker to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 regular board meeting. Motion carried.

**Financial Report and Monthly Bills:** Reviewed financial report and monthly bills. A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Becker, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

The monthly bills list was presented. A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Bilden to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

#### **Director's Report:**

**Special Ed Report Card:** Wolsky reported on East Central's North Dakota Performance Information Report Card for 2019-20.

**Director Training:** Wolsky reported she was planning to attend the Crisis Prevention Conference in Fargo on March 19 and Cognia Training in Mandan on March 26 but both have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Teacher Training:** Tentatively scheduled for April 7 is staff training including training on Nurtured Heart Approach, FBS and BIP.

**Covid-19 Update:** Wolsky reported she will be attending a Zoom meeting this afternoon with Gerri Teavens, State Special Director, for review of state guidelines regarding Special Ed curriculum. Ashly reported she participated in 3 IEPs yesterday using technology and the meetings went well.

**2019-20 East Central Caseloads:** Wolsky reported the caseloads as follows: Social Worker, 30 students; Transition Coordinator, 36 students; Preschool, 21 students; Carrington, 50 students; Kensal, 9 students; New Rockford-Sheyenne, 30 students; Oberon, 8 students; Pingree-Buchanan, 21 students; Fessenden-Bowdon, 32 students.

**Preschool Screening:** Wolsky reported that preschool screenings have been completed in Kensal, 15 children; Fessenden, 10 children; and Buchanan, 13 children. Screenings in Carrington, Oberon and New Rockford-Sheyenne will need to be rescheduled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

**ECEA:** A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Hayes to accept ECEA as the negotiating unit. Motion carried.

**Audit Proposals:** Financial audit proposals were received from Eide Bailly, Haga Kommer and Widmer Roel. After discussion and review of the proposals a motion was made by Louters and seconded by Hayes to accept the audit proposal from Eide Bailly. Motion carried.

**2020-21 Budget:** The 2020-21 financial budget was presented. A motion was made by Louters and seconded by Becker to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Finance Committee:** Bollingberg reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the current assessment and after much review and discussion the committee recommends to continue with the current calculation which includes mills, ADM and direct costs.

**Retirements:** Wolsky reported that Chairperson Nancy Bollingberg, Superintendent of Fessenden-Bowdon Public School and Vice Chairperson Brian Duchscherer, Superintendent of Carrington Public School are both retiring at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Congratulation to both and we thank them for their service on the East Central Board. They will be missed.

The next regular board meeting will be held April 22, 2020 at 10:00 am either at the East Central office or by video conference depending upon the pandemic situation.

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

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Nancy Bollingberg, Board President

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Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

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Date approved

