

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 20, 2020

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held via Zoom (video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic) on May 20, 2020, at 10:00 am.

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

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

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky, Director; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Chelsea Aljets, ECEA Representative

Additions to Agenda: No additions to agenda but Jill Louters requested to move the executive session after the approval of bills payable.

Minutes: A motion was made by Helseth, seconded by Duchscherer, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Helseth, seconded by Louters, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Executive Session: At 10:13 am a motion was made by Louters, seconded by Becker, to move to executive session under NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) to discuss teacher negotiations. Motion carried. Board members in attendance were Bollingberg, Louters, Becker, Broe, Duchscherer, Bilden, Lokemoen and Helseth. Also in attendance were Wolsky, Director and Allmaras, Business Manager.

At 10:53 am a motion was made by Duchscherer and seconded by Becker to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular open meeting. Motion carried.

Kensal Superintendent: Sara Bilden, Superintendent at Kensal Public School, reported that Gilbert Black will be the new Superintendent at Kensal Public School.

Director's Report:

Extended School Year (ESY): Wolsky reported that East Central will use the ND Smart Reopening Guidelines for ESY. Currently a combination of face to face and online platforms will be used. NR-S students will be served in the East Central building.

North Dakota Public Health Insurance Trust (NDPHIT): Allmaras attended a webinar on the trust as an option for health insurance. East Central information will be provided to the Haye's group in order to evaluate the possible benefits of the program.

ND Human Service Center: The Human Service Center has been renting an office from East Central and submitted documentation by email to terminate the lease effective June 30, 2020.

East Central Staffing: Wosky provided a list of the proposed teacher assignments for the 2020-21 school year. The Unit is still looking to fill SLP positions.

Board President Report:

Director Evaluation: Chairperson Bollingberg presented Director Wolsky's evaluation. Bollingberg stated Wolsky is doing an outstanding job and thanked her for her continued service to East Central. A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Helseth to approve and accept the director's evaluation. Motion carried. Duchscherer thanked Wolsky for her outstanding service to the Carrington School District.

Morgan Wetzel teacher contract: A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Bilden to approve the teacher contract for Morgan Wetzel for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried.

ESY Contracts: A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Bilden to approve the following ESY contracts: Lori Richter (Preschool, Carrington & Oberon), Megan Thompson (Kensal & New Rockford-Sheyenne), Lori Deal (Fessenden), Kelly Carlson (Preschool, Pingree-Buchanan, New Rockford-Sheyenne & Fessenden-Bowdon), Laura Risovi (Carrington) and Leah Thoms (Pingree-Buchanan). Motion carried.

Other items: East Central celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8. In the afternoon of May 20 a virtual retirement party will be held for Laurene Heintz, SLP and a virtual baby shower will be held for Elizabeth Ihringer and son Winston.

Board Member Retirements: Wolsky thanked Brian Duchscherer and Nancy Bollingberg for their service on the East Central Board and wished them well on their retirements.

The next regular board meeting will be held June 17, 2020 at 10:00 am by Zoom video conference.

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

Nancy Bollingberg, Board President

Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

Date approved