

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 17, 2020

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held via Zoom (video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic) on June 17, 2020, at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Nancy Bollingberg, Mary Ann Broe, Jill Louters, Natalie Becker, Brian Duchscherer, Jenna Helseth, Matt Lokemoen, Jordan Brown, Terri Neyes,

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

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky, Director; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Lori Richter, ECEA Representative

Additions to Agenda: ESY (extended school year)

Minutes: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Helseth, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

ESY: Wolsky reported that in the past East Central did not bill the district schools for their costs related to ESY. East Central will be billing ESY teacher contract costs and travel to the district schools as the costs are direct costs of the schools.

Director's Report:

Financial Audit: Wolsky reported that the June 30, 2020 financial audit by Eide Bailly has been scheduled for the week of October 12, 2020.

Lawn Care: Wolsky reported that Andrew Presnell has been hired to provide lawn care at the East Central office building.

Speech Language Pathologist Para (SLPP): Wolsky reported that Ledeidre Garcia-Wright has been hired as a SLPP for Fessenden-Bowdon and Oberon School. Presence Learning will be providing the supervision and case management for these school.

Executive Session: At 10:27 am a motion was made by Becker, seconded by Helseth, 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, Brown, Duchscherer, Lokemoen, Helseth and Terri Neyes. Also in attendance were Wolsky, Director and Allmaras, Business Manager.

At 10:41 am a motion was made by Becker and seconded by Lokemoen to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular open meeting. Motion carried. Richter, ECEA Representative returned to the meeting.

Board President Report:

Administrative Negotiations: Bollingberg recommended the Director's salary for the 2020-21 fiscal year be increased to \$90,000 with all other benefits remaining the same. She also recommended the Business Manager's hourly wage be increased to \$29.00/hour. A motion was made by Helseth and seconded by Duchscherer to increase the director's salary to \$90,000. Roll call vote: Duchscherer-yes, Helseth-yes, Bollingberg-yes, Lokemoen-no, Louters-no, Brown-abstain, Becker-yes, Neyes-yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made Helseth and seconded by Duchsherer to increase the Business Manager's hourly wage to \$29.00/hr effective July 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Duchscherer-yes, Helseth-yes, Bollingberg-yes, Lokemoen-no, Louters-no, Brown-abstain, Becker-yes, Neyes-yes. Motion carried.

Districts Holding Special Education teacher contracts: Discussion was held regarding the possibility of school districts holding the special education teacher contracts due to equitable salary concerns from the ECEA negotiators. No action was taken at this time.

The date of the next regular board meeting will be dependend upon whether or not an impasses fact finding hearing is held. The proposed date of the ND Education Fact Finding Commission Hearing is July 7, 2020 at 3:00 pm. A board meeting will be held following the hearing.

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

Nancy Bollingberg, Board President

Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

Date approved