

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 17, 2021

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held via Zoom on February 17, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Jill Louters, Kris Kuehn, Jenna Helseth, Matt Lokemoen, Avolt Baumbach, Robert Toso (by phone), D'Aulan Bussman, Jordan Brown

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

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky, Director; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Kelly Rosenau, ECEA Representative; John Hagen, Eide Bailly

Additions to Agenda: None. Financial Audit presentation moved to beginning of meeting.

Audit Presentation: John Hagen, CPA, Eide Bailly Audit Senior Associate, presented a report on the June 30, 2020 financial audit. After the report Mr. Hagen left the meeting.

Minutes: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Bussman, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

Director's Report:

Staff Training: East Central staff training will be held on Thursday, February 25 at 3:30 pm. The staff will be training on the usage of the LINCspring platform (Cognia) that provides staff access to a cycle list of personalized training for credit.

Preschool Screenings: Wolsky presented the preschool screening schedule.

Board President's Report:

Director's Evaluation: The Director's evaluation is due March 15, 2021. Helseth will send out an evaluation link to the board members. A special board meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 10:00 am to review the evaluation.

Items Recommended for Board Action:

Negotiating Unit: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Bussman to approve the negotiating unit as presented. Motion carried.

Title IX: Helseth reported that all school districts are required to have Title IX training in four different areas. Discussion was held on whether the Director and/or staff at East Central should have the training. More information will be gathered and the item was tabled until the regular March board meeting. At this time, any Title IX issues regarding East Central students and/or staff will be the corresponding district's responsibility.

Covid-19 compensation: The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which required employers to pay employees up to 80 hours of paid leave when out due to the virus, expired on December 31, 2020. Discussion was held regarding further payment. No action as taken on this.

Policy Committee: Policy Committee is Jenna Helseth, D'Aulan Bussman, Ashly Wolsky and Susette Allmaras.

The next regular board meeting will be held March 17, 2021 at 10:00 am at the East Central office. With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Jenna Helseth, Board President

Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

Date approved