

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 19, 2021

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held on May 19, 2021 at 10:00 am at the East Central building.

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

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

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky, Director; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Allison Haley, ECEA Representative

Additions to Agenda: Board action: Add Director Contract and Business Manager Work Agreement. Ken Astrup, Boardmanship Presentation will be moved to the first item on the agenda.

Boardmanship Presentation: Boardmanship Presentation was given by Ken Astrup.

Minutes: A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

Director's Report:

Vocational Rehab Contract: Wolsky reported that she has submitted a \$43,785 contract to Vocational Rehab to reimburse the service hours of the Transition Coordinator.

Preschool Screening: Wolsky provided the screening information with the board packet. Forty two students were screened.

Grants: East Central received an additional \$9,800.00 ESSER fund grant which will be used for summer school to service students who are on an IEP but do not qualify for ESY. The Behavioral Health Grant was approved for \$10,413.45. This grant will be used for curriculum and learning opportunities.

State Directors Meeting: Wolsky will be attending Director's meeting on zoom on May 20 and in Bismarck on June 1 and 2.

Staffing for the 2021-22 School Year: Wolsky presented the staffing at the districts for the 2021-22 school year.

Other Business:

Technology Request: Discussion was held regarding the purchase of new laptops/tech support for the Business Manager, Preschool Teacher and the Transition Coordinator. This service will continue to be a shared cost for the districts. Bids will be obtained and the cost will be added to the 2021-22 East Central budget.

2021 Extended School Year (ESY) Contracts: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Toso, to approve the ESY contract for Alison Haley. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Lokemoen, to approve the ESY contract for Megan Thompson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Lokemoen, to approve the ESY contract for Lori Richter. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Lokemoen, to approve the ESY contract for Lori Deal. After discussion and vote the motion failed as L. Deal does not have her teaching license yet so she should have a work agreement, not a teaching contract.

A motion was made by Lokemoen, seconded by Toso, to approve the ESY contract for Audrey Davies. Motion carried.

Policy BDAB Savings Clause: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the second and final reading of Policy BDAB Savings Clause. Motion carried.

Policy ABDA Accessibility Policy: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Toso, to approve the second and final reading of Policy ABDA Accessibility Policy. Motion carried.

Policy BDD Compensation and Expenses: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the second and final reading of Policy BDD Compensation and Expenses. Motion carried.

Policy BA School Board Ethics: A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the first reading of Policy BA School Board Ethics. Motion carried.

Policy DFAA Teacher Evaluation: A motion was by Baumbach, seconded by Lokemoen, to approve the first reading of Policy DFAA Teacher Evaluation. Motion carried.

2021-22 Budget: The budget was presented. No action was taken at this time.

Teacher Negotiations: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Toso, to approve the negotiating items:

- 2021-22 \$200 increase to the base salary
- \$800 career increment beyond step 26
- Adjustment to the salary steps as presented
- 2022-23 \$200 increase to the base salary

- **Terms of Contract/Salary Payment:** When unit personnel work in excess of their contract due to extra days dedicated to In-Service at their assigned school or attending meetings outside the school day or school year at the request of the Diresector, they shall be paid an hourly rate of \$25 per hours. The Director must approve all extra days and/or meetings.

Upon roll call vote: Kuehn, yes; Louters, no; Baumbach, no; Toso, yes; Lokemoen, yes; Brown, yes; Helseth, yes. Motion carried.

2021-22 Paraprofessional Wages: A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Lokemoen, to increase the paraprofessional wages for 2021-22 by 4%. Upon roll call vote: Kuehn, yes; Louters, no; Baumbach, no; Toso, yes; Lokemoen, yes; Brown, yes; Helseth, yes. Motion carried.

2021-22 Substitute Paraprofessional Wage: A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Kuehn, to increase the paraprofessional sub wage 4%, from \$13.39/hour to \$13.93/hour. Upon roll call vote: Kuehn, yes; Louters, no; Baumbach, yes; Toso, yes; Lokemoen, yes; Brown, yes; Helseth, yes. Motion carried.

2021-22 Substitute Teacher Wage: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Lokemoen, to increase the 2021-22 Substitute Teacher Wage from \$145/day to \$150/day. Upon roll call vote: Kuehn, yes; Louters, no; Baumbach, no; Toso, yes; Lokemoen, yes; Brown, yes; Helseth, yes. Motion carried.

2021-22 Business Manager's Wage: A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Lokemoen to increase the Business Manager's by 4%. Upon roll call vote: Kuehn, yes; Louters, no; Baumbach, no; Toso, yes; Lokemoen, yes; Brown, yes; Helseth, yes. Motion carried.

2021-22 Director's Salary: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Toso, to increase the Director's salary by 4%. Upon roll call vote: Kuehn, yes; Louters, no; Baumbach, no; Toso, yes; Lokemoen, yes; Brown, yes; Helseth, yes. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be held June 23, 2021 at 10:00 am via Zoom.
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Jenna Helseth, Board President

Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

Date approved