

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 5, 2020

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held via Zoom (video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic) on August 5, 2020, at 10:00 am.

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Helseth and welcomed new board members.

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

Additions to Agenda: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 board meeting. 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.

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Director's Report:

Social Worker: Wolsky presented the resignation of Danell Pranke, Social Worker. A motion was made by Louters and seconded by Lokemoen to accept the resignation. Motion carried. After discussion, the board decided not to fill this position at the current time. The position will be evaluated at a later date.

Safety and Health Plans: Wolsky asked that each unit school please let her know of any specific needs for teachers/paraprofessionals due to the Covid pandemic.

CPI training: Due to Covid the CPI training for teachers and paraprofessionals will be done on line with a flexible time line for completion.

East Central Building Rental: Wolsky reported East Central has a possible renter for the back room of the East Central Building.

Staffing Needs: The following positions are still open for the 2020-21 school year: SLP (NR-S, Oberon,

Fessenden-Bowdon), Paraprofessional in New Rockford-Sheyenne School, Special Education teacher in Oberon. The Special Ed teacher in Kensal, Morgan Wetzal, will travel to Oberon if needed.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Bussman to nominate Jenna Helseth as Board President. With no further nominations, nominations ceased and a unanimous ballot was cast for Helseth as President. Motion carried. As the new President, Jenna Helseth will be added to the Bank Forward signature card and Nancy Bollingberg will be removed.

Nominations for Vice President were opened. A motion was made by Helseth to nominate Kris Quehn for Vice President. A motion was made by Louters and seconded by Baumbach to nominate Matt Lokemoen. With no further nominations, nominations ceased and a unanimous ballot was cast for Lokemoen as Vice President. Motion carried.

Negotiations: East Central teacher negotiations went to impasse with a fact finding meeting held on July 7, 2020. A report was received from the Fact Finding committee and a subsequent meeting was held by the negotiators. The negotiated agreement was approved by the teacher negotiators and the board negotiators.

Hourly Pay: A motion was made by Louters and seconded by Kuehn to increase the hourly staff positions by 2.1% and the teachers sub pay to \$145/day which is a 2.1% increase from 2019-20. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be August 26, 2020 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