

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 16, 2020

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held at East Central and via Zoom (video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic) on December 16, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Jill Louters, Kris Kuehn, Jenna Helseth, Matt Lokemoen, (by Zoom), Avolt Baumbach, Robert Toso, Jordan Brown, 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: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Louters, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 board meeting as presented. All voted aye. 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. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Baumbach, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the bills as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Preschool Screenings: Wolsky reported that with Covid-19 the preschool screening process may look a bit different this year. Some changes with scheduling may need to take place to ensure the health and safety of all involved in the process.

Mid-year teacher evaluations: Wolsky completed the mid-year teacher evaluations which were due December 15.

December Child Count: Wolsky reported that the December Child Count was submitted.

Covid-19 compensation: Wolsky reported that some districts are compensating staff for extra time worked due to Covid-19. East Central will pay the East Central staff as directed by the District and be reimbursed directly by the respective District.

Board President's Report: Nothing to report.

Items Recommended for Board Action:

Policy C-200 Staff Hiring: Due to discussions held during the 2020-21 teacher negotiations, a policy amendment was drafted by East Central Administration that stated the member schools would hire and hold the contracts of the special education teachers. After discussion, a motion was made by Toso and seconded by Lokemoen to keep the originally policy C-200. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Policy B-126 Withdrawal: A motion was made by Louters and seconded by Kuehn to approve the second and final reading of the amended policy B-126 Withdrawal as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Policy B-223 Number/Residence: A motion was made by Toss, and seconded by Kuehn to approve the second and final reading of the amended policy B-223 Number/Residence as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The next regular board meeting will be held January 20, 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