

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 14, 2022

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held February 14, 2022.

Members Present: Jenna Helseth, Robert Toso, Avolt Baumbach, Kent Dennis, Matt Lokemoen(via Zoom), Jill Louters, Kris Kuehn, Jordan Brown(via Zoom).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Helseth and a quorum was established.

Additions/Change to Agenda: No changes.

Minutes: A motion was made by Kris Kuehn, seconded by Avolt Baumbach, to approve the minutes of the January 13th Board Meeting, and the January 24, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

Bills Payable: Bills payable were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Kris Kuehn, seconded by Kent Dennis, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS TO BOARD

Directors Report

Preschool Screenings: The dates and locations for Preschool Screening are/were as follows:

- 2/10 Carrington(Federated Church) screenings are complete. 23 kids attended.
- 2/15 Pingree-Buchanan
- 2/23 Fessenden-Bowdon
- 2/25 New Rockford-Sheyenne(East Central)
- 3/2 Kensal
- 3/8 Oberon

Meetings attended: Director Wolsky attend the Regional Director's Meeting on January 31, 2022 in Wapheton. Director Wolsky noted that the upcoming meeting may be held at East Central Office.

Behavioral Health Grant: Director Wolsky reminded school administration to get their grant paperwork in, as funds are dwindling. It was noted that that Kensal would be using funds for sensory items, Fessenden-Bowdon will use funds for sensory room and Pingree-Buchanan will be using funds for Yoga.

ARP Grant Funds (\$117,053.91): Some recommendations for these funds include Visual Phonics Training, Zones of Regulation Comprehensive Training Unit Wide, Behavior Advantage Training, Unit Wide Safety Care, Preschool Curriculum Unit Wide, SEL Preschool Curriculum Unit Wide, updating Special Education Academic Curriculum, Handwriting without Tears(Pre-school and Kindergarten), Training on Direct Instruction, Director Professional Development, Transition Coordinator, teacher supply line, BOB supply and preschool screening line item, BOB Book full set, New2Y subscription and Board Maker. Some district specific requests were Reading MTS curriculum and training in New Rockford, Handicap Accessible Playground Equipment, Leveled Reading in Oberon, Yoga in Pingree-Buchanan.

Board President's Report: President Helseth noted that the Director Evaluation needs to be completed prior to March 15. She suggested moving up March's meeting date up to the 14th to allow for the evaluation be completed and reviewed by the board to meet the deadline.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mediation: Dean Rummel will not mediate between New Rockford Sheyenne School and East Central. Discussion was held and ideas for new mediator was the topic. Some ideas were someone from the Village or an attorney out of Jamestown. Director Wolsky noted that she had forwarded the email from Mr. Rummel that she received to the NRS Board, but have had no replies to date. It was decided to take no action at this point, until the NRS Board replies with their thoughts and ideas to move forward.

Policy Committee: President Helseth noted that the Policy Committee met on January 24, 2022 at East Central Office. A meeting is Scheduled for February 28, 2022 at East Central from 10am-3pm.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

Resignation and Early Retirement: Allison Haley has submitted her resignation and request for Early Retirement to the Board, effective at the end of this contract year(5/25/22). It was noted that this is the last employee eligible for this benefit. Kent Dennis made a motion to accept Mrs. Haley's resignation and request for early retirement to be paid out in one lump sum on June 20, 2022 in the amount of \$45,776.25, seconded by Robert Toso. Motion carried.

Financial Handling of Early Retirement Payout: Discussion regarding how to handle the payout and whose responsibility it is to cover the cost was held. Renae Duchscherer, Business Manager researched how this has been handled in the past. In 2004 when a teacher retired, the District that the teacher was from was assessed 95% of the cost, and the other Districts were assessed 5% spread out over 3 years for the District assessed the 95%. No other information could be found in the minutes when a teacher retired in 2015. Louters requested some more time to research how this has been handled. Avolt Baumbach made the motion to table the decision until the March Board Meeting, 2nd by Jill Louters. Motion carried.

US Department of Education, OCR Complaint: Director Wolsky received an email from US Department of Education on February 7, 2022, while on vacation. This OCR complaint had been previously dealt with and

now it is resurfacing. Director Wolsky has reached out to Aaron Chait and is waiting for a response to determine how we need to proceed.

1st Reading Policy B554 Educational Evaluation Billings: Members were given the chance to review and comment. Kris Kuehn made a motion to approve the 1st reading. Robert Toso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1st Reading Policy BABR-2: Members were given the chance to review and comment. Kent Dennis made the motion to approve the 1st Reading, seconded by Kris Kuehn. Motion carried.

1st Reading ICD Data Protection & Security Breaches: Members were given the chance to review and comment. Robert Toso made the motion to approve the 1st reading, seconded by Kris Kuehn. Motion carried.

1st Reading BABR-1: Members were given the chance to review and comment. After discussion, it was discovered that Policy BA-Board Ethics needs to be brought to the board for approval. In light of this Robert Toso made a motion to postpone voting on BABR-1 until the next meeting, when BA can be brought to the board. Kris Kuehn seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Next Meeting date: March 14, 2022 at 10:00am.

Jenna Helseth, Board President

Rena Duchscherer, Business Manager

Date approved