

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

08-09-22

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 08-09-22.

Members Present: Jenna Helseth, Kent Dennis, Jordan Brown, Natalie Becker, Alyson Myhre, Amber Krapp(Zoom), Janelle Helm(Phone). Member absent, Matt Lokemoen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm a.m. by Chairperson Helseth and a quorum was established.

Additions/Change to Agenda: No changes.

Election of Officers: Kent Dennis moved that Jenna Helseth be elected the President for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year. Jordan Brown seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken:

Jordan Brown: Aye

Alyson Myhre: Aye

Natalie Becker: Aye

Kent Dennis: Aye

Jenna Helm: Aye

Motion carried.

Natalie Becker moved that Kent Dennis be elected the Vice President. Jordan Brown seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken:

Alyson Myhre: Aye

Natalie Becker: Aye

Jenna Helseth: Aye

Janelle Helm: Aye

Jordan Brown: Aye

Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Natalie Becker, seconded by Alyson Myhre, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

REPORTS TO BOARD

Directors Report

Competitive Integrated Employment Grant: The Unit has been awarded this grant in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for our students in the following areas to increase competitive employment for our students:

- CNA Training, Trips to Job Service, Adaptive Devices, ID Bracelets/necklaces, Transportation Passes, Work Clothing and Interview Clothing.

Professional Development for Director:

- Fall Leadership NDDPI Wednesday August 31st in Bismarck, ND
- Monthly State Director Meetings
- Regional Director's Meeting September 30, October 28, November 18, December 16, January 27, February 24, March 31, April 28 and May 26.
- Title IX Training September 29, 2022.
- SEEC Meeting 8/10/22 with Director and Business Manager.

Professional Development East Central Staff:

- Crisis Prevention Institute Training(CPI) August 15th. All certified and noncertified staff.
- Show me the Data August 16th. Certified staff to attend.

ABLEinschool: Please email Director if you district would like to participate in this pilot program. There will be no cost to districts.

Open Positions: We continue to advertise for open positions including paraprofessional in PBK, Carrington and NR-S and Speech Language Pathologist for NR-S, Oberon.

Board President Report: none

OTHER BUSINESS

Foster County Teacher of the year: Laura Risovi-East Central Staff. There was a celebration/social August 8th in Devils Lake to honor this years recipients. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done Laura Risovi.

Mediation with New Rockford-Sheyenne School with Ken Astrup: We need to schedule with Mr. Astrup but need to hear feedback and input from the NR-S Board. Per Alyson Myhre, NR-S Board has not discussed. She suggested Director Wolsky reach out to the NR-S Board chair to see where they are at on the subject. Director Wolsky will reach out to Mike Jacobson, as well as keep Todd Allmaras in the loop, as he was at the mediations with Judge Klein.

Policy Committee: The Policy Committee is in need of members with the retirement of Robert Toso. Committee is close to wrapping up, with the Section 504 and Title IX remaining to finish now that there had been a ruling on the OCR issues. Natalie Becker volunteered to sit on this committee.

East Central Board and District Boards “meet and greet”: This needs to be scheduled tentatively in the fall after all new board members are on their respective boards. Late September or October is consensus of the timing. Ashly will send out a doodle for dates and times.

ITEMS Recommended for Board Action

Preliminary Budget for 2022-23 School Year: 3 versions of the Preliminary Budget were presented with mill levels at 2.25, 2.50 and 2.75. There was much discussion regarding the mills to be used for the final budget. Kent Dennis moved, seconded by Jordan Brown that mills remain at 2.75. There was discussion regarding speech costs and increases for NR-S. This is due to SLP Audrey Davies request to be released from contract and realigning services with Presence Learning and Full Circle Pediatric. Board was not comfortable with approving a final budget at this meeting.

- Kent Dennis moved to kill the main motion and Jordan Brown seconded. Motion carried.
- Budget will be presented at August 30, 2022 meeting.

Audrey Davies request to be released from contract: Natalie Becker moved that we waive liquidated damages of \$500 for Audrey Davies and release her from her contract. Kent Dennis seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the precedent we are setting as a board if we waive the fine. Motion to waive damages and release Ms. Davies from her contract carried.

Approval of 2022-23 Teaching Contract for Teresa Risovi: Teaching contract was presented for Teresa Risovi at Step 1, Lane 1 at a salary of \$39,860.00 with home school of New Rockford-Sheyenne. Discussion and reservations were shared by Natalie Becker, NR-S Board representative. Director Wolsky noted that a mentoring program has been put into place to help guide the new teacher. After discussion, vote was taken and motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting date: August 30, 2022 at 10:00am.

Jenna Helseth, Board President

Renae Duchscherer, Business Manager

Date approved