

## EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

### MINUTES OF MEETING

10-19-22

**The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 10-19-22.**

**Members Present:** Jenna Helseth, Kent Dennis, Natalie Becker, Amber Krapp(Zoom), Janelle Helm, Matt Lokemoen.

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

**Additions/Change to Agenda:** No additions to the agenda.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Janelle Helm, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion carried. Janelle Helm made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 Special Meeting, seconded by Natalie Becker. Motion carried. Natalie Becker made a motion to approve the October 5, 2022 Meet and Greet Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Lokemoen. Motion carried.

**Financial Report and Monthly Bills:** The Financial Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the Financial Report as presented. Discussion included closing out the SPED Esser Grant at the end of September. With no further discussion, motion carried.

**Bills Payable:** Bills payable were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Janelle Helm, to approve the bills as presented. Discussion included the cost of advertising the Speech Language position weekly. It was decided to advertise in the Transcript once a month, and to keep advertising in the state mediums such as Job Service and NDCEL and to also do as much online advertising as possible. With no further discussion, motion carried.

### REPORTS TO BOARD

#### Directors Report

**Meet and Greet October 5, 2022:** The event was held from 4:00 to 5:30 pm and had a nice turnout. Participants included one board member from Carrington School Board, one member from Fessenden Bowdon School and one school board member from New Rockford Sheyenne. Representation from East Central Board included Natalie Becker, Alyson Myhre, Kent Dennis, Jenna Helseth, Janelle Helm and Amber Krapp plus most the ECCEC Certified Staff. The presentation by Mrs. Wolsky was very thorough and informative for those who attended. It was noted that no questions were asked after the presentation. Discussion regarding the event included the question if the event obtained the result hoped for in the Strategic goals, continuing to do annually but with different presentations, and also the possibility of Ashly presenting at the respective District Boards either in person or via a Zoom.

**ABLE in Schools and Able Games:** Last chance to sign up to participate in this awesome pilot program at no cost to the Districts. At this point in time no Districts have signed up to participate. Please email Director Wolsky if your District is interested in this great opportunity.

**Preschool and IDEA-B Grant:** Both grants have been submitted and are underway in the Web Grant System.

**Choice Ready Grant:** This grant in the amount of \$20,000 has been submitted by Director Wolsky. It was noted that this is available to 177 Public High Schools, 31 Special Education and 10 CTE Centers. ECCEC's grant proposal is to bring in Brooks Harper, Career Development Expert and Interview Coach. Along with the presentation the Unit would purchase 20 Independent Living Kits for our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders that qualify for an IEP. The kits will help kids become independent. They will be taught how to use all the tools in the kit, which include first aid, cleaning supplies, kitchen and laundry supplies to increase their essential life skills.

**Behavioral Health Grant:** The dollar amounts allotted to each District are as follows:

- Carrington: \$1,515.50
- Oberon: \$81
- Pingree-Buchanan: \$263.50
- Kensal; \$336
- Fessenden-Bowdon: \$3,743.51
- NR-S: \$7,709

These funds come from Medicaid Match and can go to either the District or the Unit. The Districts need to let Director Wolsky know by November if they are going to write their own grant, or if they want Director Wolsky to write the grant. As a Unit, it would be preferred that these funds continue to be used for SEL and Yoga programs. Director Wolsky needs to hear from districts how they want the funds used. Funds need to be used in the 2022-23 School Year.

**Study Council Meeting on 10/5:** Director Wolsky attended. It is a very beneficial meeting, as it is attended by Laura Booth, Special Education Lawyer. Special Ed questions can be asked for definitive answers. Hot topics right now include transportation questions. Administrators are invited to attend, but they can't ask questions.

### **Board President Report**

**Director Evaluation:** President Helseth will get the Director Evaluation link out, to go through and approve at the November meeting. It is not due until December 15<sup>th</sup>, but our meeting in December is after the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Policy Committee scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2022 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Annual Audit scheduled for November 7 to 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEMS Recommended for Board Action: NONE**

**Adjournment:** With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

**Next Meeting date:** November 23, 2022 at 10:00am.

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Jenna Helseth, Board President

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Renaë Duchscherer, Business Manager

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Date approved