

## EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

### MINUTES OF MEETING

2-14-23

**The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 2-14-23**

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:01 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 Jordan Brown, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Board Meeting. Natalie Becker inquired what the money saved brining Brookes Harper in would be used for. Director Wolsky noted that the money would be used for the meal, books, bags, sweatshirts etc. With no further discussion, motion carried.

**Financial Report and Monthly Bills:** The Financial Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Janelle Helm, seconded by Amber Krapp to approve the Financial Report as presented. Discussion included explaining that the fund balance, as reported at the end of January, is bigger than the balance the audit showed due to assessment monies coming in and not being spent yet. With no further discussion motion carried.

**Bills Payable:** Bills payable were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Alyson Myhre, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried. Director Wolsky noted that the mileage rate went from .625 to .655 on January 1, 2023.

### REPORTS TO BOARD

#### Directors Report

**Black Hills State University(BHSU) 2023 Teacher Fair March 2, 2023:** Director Wolsky will be attending the Teacher Fair and the supplies to create the booth have been ordered. Strategic negotiations recommended a plan to recruit teachers. Director Wolsky reached out to other Directors and BHSU Teacher fair was one of the most recommended. Ashly also intends to attend Jamestown College Interview Day. Kent Dennis noted that he knew of another event and would get the information to Director Wolsky.

**Director's Call February 9, 2023:** Director Wolsky noted that legislation is being followed. There is a Dyslexia bill that looks like it is going to pass, so these requirements will be coming our way. Director Wolsky is trying to stay ahead of what will be required by ordering curriculum now with the ARP Funds that we have.

**Regional Director's Meeting February 24, 2023:** A couple regions will be joining together. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please let Director Wolsky know and she can ask at the meetings.

**Preschool Screenings:** Screening results will be placed in the respective schools cum files. This is a great time to catch concerns with speech, hearing, etc. If there is concerns, referrals can be made and child can get help so that by the time they reach Kindergarten the student is hopefully caught up.

**Board President Report:** Director Wolsky's evaluation is due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson Helseth will get the information out to fellow directors and the evaluation will be on the March 15<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Schedule Special Meeting for Negotiations:** Chairperson did the investigation and they did submit list of requests with the support of the majority of the teachers. We need to post within 10 days of receiving. The first negotiations meeting will be held on March 28, 2023 at 9:30am via Zoom.

**ITEMS Recommended for Board Action:**

**Policies for Board Approval:**

- **DEAA Drug and Alcohol Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.** Natalie Becker moved, seconded by Jordan Brown to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of this policy. Motion carried.
- **BCBA Public Participation at Board Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.** Jordan Brown moved, seconded by Alyson Myhre to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of this policy. Motion carried.
- **Audit for 2021-22 School Year.** It was noted that all the information was the same from the review of the draft audit report given on January 18, 2023 except the budget was corrected to reflect the correct budget. Amber Krapp moved, seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the Final Audit for the 2021-22 School Year. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Business Manager Work Agreement:** The work agreement was brought forth by Director Wolsky for Melanie Quinton. Alyson Myhre moved, seconded by Jordan Brown to approve the Work Agreement. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:44am.

**Next Meeting date:**     March 15, 2023 Board Meeting 10:00am  
                                  March 28, 2023 Negotiations Committee Meeting via Zoom 9:30am  
                                  March 28, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting

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Jenna Helseth, Board President

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Renae Duchscherer, Business Manager

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Date approved