



## **EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**6.26.23**

**The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 6.26.23**

**Members Present:** Jenna Helseth- Carrington Board President, Alyson Myhre- New Rockford-Sheyenne, Janelle Helm- Carrington, Matt Lokemoen- Kensal, Jordon Brown-Oberon, Kent Dennis- Fessenden

**Absent:** Natalie Becker- New Rockford-Sheyenne, Amber Krapp- Pingree-Buchanan

**Others Present:** Ashly Wolsky- East Central Director, Melanie Quinton- East Central Business Manager, Lindsay Widicker-East Central Teacher

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05. by Board President Jenna Helseth and a quorum was established.

**Additions/Change to Agenda:** Megan Thompson Lane change request. from BS+30 to BS+40

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the minutes of the May 22nd, 2023, Board Meeting. 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 Alyson Myhre to approve the June 2023 Financial Report as presented. 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 June 2023 bills payable. No further discussion motion carried.

#### **Directors Report**

Additional info:

Discretionary Grant \$10,000 award.

Donation from Lions Club, \$500 donation toward out BOB program.

#### **Staffing Doc:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z8iY9J7aRScPnx3ycav5mHruiGwhc9yyh2IFAh9vcZM/edit?usp=sharing>

Jacklyn Aasmundstad will be replacing Kathy Gewont and under Tara Hanson as the school Psychologist, through Lake Region Special Education.

**Positions to fill:**

- NRS: speech para (1 day a week)
- NRS: Special ed teacher (HS)
- SLP part-time NRS & Oberon
- Carrington: Special ed para (HS)
- Carrington: Special ed para (bus rider to ACC)

**Professional Development 2023-24:**

• **Safety Care Training (replacing CPI)-training paid for using ARP grant funding**

- Megan Thompson, NRS and Rosie Mozell, Carrington
- Originally the plan was for 1 PD Day prior to school and then to use early outs to complete the remaining hours; not recommended by the lead trainer. Insisting on 2 full days of training. Please disregard the dates previously shared/signed up for.

**NEW DATES:**

- **FB, PB, and Kensal: August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, location-East Central**
- **Carrington: August 17 & 18, location-Carrington**
- **NRS/Oberon: August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23, location-East Central**
  - 10 spots available per 1 trainer, 20 spots available 2 trainers
  - All staff must attend certified and non-certified
  - District staff invited if open seats
- **Kick-off to the school year: Keynote Speaker, Mr. Erik Hatch, August 21<sup>st</sup> (9:15-11:15 a.m)**
  - All EC staff (certified and non-certified) are welcome if school is not in session
  - If school is in session, certified staff may put in for a sub to attend
  - Hosted by: Carrington
- **UFLI Reading Training**
  - January 15<sup>th</sup> MLK, PD Day
  - Certified staff only
  - Location: East Central
- Indicator 7 + 12 submitted (Preschool Outcomes) 5/30
- Indicator 14: will be completed this summer by Transition Coordinator (Post-school outcomes)
- ARP Grant funding: summer reading program, student retreats, SEL, keynote speaker, handicapped accessible playground equipment, curriculum/supplies.
- Director attended Leadership in Bismarck, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ashly noted there was lots of new leadership. She made good connections.
- Safety Care Training (train the trainers): June 6-8<sup>th</sup>, using ARP funds
  - Rosie Mozelle, Carrington
  - Megan Thompson, NRS
  - Unit wide training (see PD schedule)
- SSIP: School Improvement End of the year report submitted and approved (Cognia) 5/26. Matt Lokemoen mentioned the survey, discussion was held comparing regular district survey and state special education surveys that are the same across the board.

**Board President report:**

Additions:

Thank you note from student and family, praises toward Mrs. Becvar and thanks for the Independent Living Kits.

### III. OTHER

- ~~• NRS Early Retirement Payments- Remove from agenda, payment received 6/26/23.~~
- SEED Preschool Programs- Along with the Preschool program, a collaborative program for kindergarten readiness. See photo on the agenda for full information. Carrington and Kensal have done this program last year. Ashly will offer this training to Chelsea, as it starts August 10th.

### IV. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

- 2023-24 Budget: No discussion was held
- Benefits for Paraprofessionals. An additional budget was presented with health insurance offered to 24 paras. This raised the mills from 2.75 to 5 mills. Director Wolsky spoke on the para sub rates and the benefits of being to offer new employees health insurance and a higher wage. This might encourage more staff to come work for us. Jordon Brown asked if salaries are shared to the districts, Director Wolsky noted they are percentage shared. Jordon Brown noted that he is not interested in increasing the amount when Oberon has no paras in the school. Jordon Brown also mentioned the ADM and tax valuation increase for Oberon. Mrs. Helseth stated that the budget is proposed that all 24 paras take the health insurance. This does not mean that all of them will take the insurance. Discussion was held on para wages included. Mrs. Helseth noted she is in favor of including health insurance benefits. Mrs. Helseth also noted she is in favor of a para wage increase. Janelle Helm made motion to approve a single health insurance to all paras, Mrs. Helseth seconded the motion. A role call vote was held.

Role call vote:

Kent Dennis: No

Jordon Brown: No

Matt Lokemoen: No

Alyson Myhre: No

Janelle Helm: Yes

Jenna Helseth: Yes

Motion is failed 4 to 2.

- Teaching Contracts 2023-24: Megan Thompson Lane Change, Alyson Myhre made a motion to approve the lane change, Janelle Helm seconded. All approved, motion carried.
- Teaching Contracts 2023-24: Lindsay Widicker, Kent Dennis made a motion to approve Lindsay's contract, Jordon Brown seconded. All approved, motion carried.
- Recommendation for paraprofessionals who have completed the Defensive Driving Course and are driving for the district/Unit---pay wage increase \$1 (see para wage scale). Kent Dennis made a motion to approve the \$1 wage per hour increase to paras that are certified when they are clocked in and driving students. Matt Lokemoen seconded. All approved, motion carried.

• **C-420.1 EXTRA-CURRICULAR DUTIES NOT RELATED TO SPECIAL**

**EDUCATION** (2nd & final reading)—deleting #2 and #3, leaving 1 & 4. Janelle Helm 1st, Jordon Brown 2nd, all approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Matt Lokemoen to table the following 2 items for the next board meeting and 2nd by Jordon Brown. No further discussion, all approved, motion carried to hold the next 2 items to the next regular meeting.

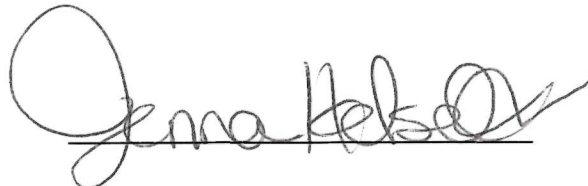
- ACBB SIGNIFICANT CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (2<sup>nd</sup> reading).
- Remove D-206 SIGNIFICANT CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting, July 17th @ 10:00am Special Zoom meeting

- Preliminary Budget
- Paraprofessional benefits
- Paraprofessional Rates and Sub Rates (2 years).
- ACBB SIGNIFICANT CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (2<sup>nd</sup> reading).
- Remove D-206 SIGNIFICANT CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm



Jenna Helseth, Board President



Melanie Quinton, Business Manager

8.10.23  
Date approved