



**EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**9.20.23**

**The board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 9.20.23**

**Members Present:** Jenna Helseth- Carrington Board President, Kent Dennis- Fessenden, Matt Lokemoen- Kensal, Natalie Becker- New Rockford-Sheyenne, Amber Krapp- Pingree-Buchanan, Jordon Brown-Oberon, Alyson Myhre- New Rockford

**Zoom:**

**Absent:** Janelle Helm- Carrington

**Others Present:** Ashly Wolsky- East Central Director, Melanie Quinton- East Central Business Manager, Leah Thoms, Teacher representative

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Board President Mrs. Helseth and a quorum was established.

**Additions/Change to Agenda:**

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Natalie Becker, seconded by Amber Krapp to approve the minutes of the August 10th, 2023, Board Meeting. With no further discussion, motion carried.

**Financial Report and Monthly Bills:** The Financial Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Amber Krapp to approve the August 2023 Financial Report as presented. With no further discussion, motion carried.

**Bills Payable:** Bills payable were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Amber Krapp, seconded by Matt Lokemoen to approve the July and August 2023 bills payable. No further discussion motion carried.

**Directors Report**

**Staffing:**

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

**Positions to fill:**

- NRS: Special ed teacher (HS)
- SLP part-time NRS & Oberon- presence Learning
- Carrington: Special ed para (bus rider to ACC)

• Successfully filled paraprofessional positions with the increase in wage and addition of health benefits, thank you!

- **Safety Care Training** completed for all staff in August, make up day in January (MLK), credit option available. Thank you to our trainers, Rosie & Megan for the great training sessions.
- **UFLI Reading Training**
  - January 15<sup>th</sup> MLK, PD Day
  - Certified staff only
  - Location: East Central
  - Credit option available
- **Additional paraprofessional training**

SEEC: Paraeducator Online Training is available as a school-wide program with this NO COST opportunity. Paraeducators and tutors will have access to 150+ self-paced modules covering general education and special education environments. Learning modules typically ranges from 45-60 minutes in length, can be accessed using any platform day or night, and can be personalized to fit each individual within your system. Administrators, simply complete this [form](#) to enroll your school district today (\$35/person value).

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- Director to attended Fall Leadership in Bismarck, September 18 & 19. Ashly noted that they focused on dropout rates, ,teacher retention and teacher recruitment.
  - President of the Study Council President for 2023-24
- Director attending weekly NDCEL chats when possible.
- Director attending monthly State Director's call, starting in October due to Fall Leadership.
- Director to attend monthly Regional Director's meeting.
- Medicaid Claims
  - 2021-22: \$61,085.97
  - 2022-23: \$140,164.07
  - Concerns with claims from ACC impacting reimbursements, hoping the concerns are remedied

- CIE Grant: submitted on 9/12 for \$10,000
- CIE: Competitive Integrated Employment
  - Transition Assessments/Curriculum
  - Transition Portfolios
  - Workforce Readiness supplies, training, coaching, transportation, etc.
  - Job Service Trips
  - BOB T-shirts
- Behavioral Health Grant 2023-24:
  - Carrington: \$14,625.17 (district/Unit)
  - FB: \$11,115.22 (Unit)
  - Kensal: \$86.68 (Unit)
  - NRS: \$18,441.56 (district)
  - Oberon: \$227.54
  - PB: \$283.87 (Unit)
- Additional grant funding coming to ND for behavioral health
  - Zones of Regulation:
    - Schoolwide implementation
    - Zones of Regulation app
    - Data collection tool
    - Fidelity check
    - Home Resources
    - Zones of Regulation adapting the Zones for ages 4-6 and Teens
    - Updated Visuals
    - Lanyards Zones Check-ins
    - Additional activities
    - Blog/additional resources to supplement lesson
    - Zones Board game to purchase
    - <https://zonesofregulation.com/resources/>
  - Exploring additional Social Emotional curriculum

**Board President report:**

**OTHER**

- Audit Week of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Adaptive equipment for recess (sled)---thank you to NRS Rocket Boosters

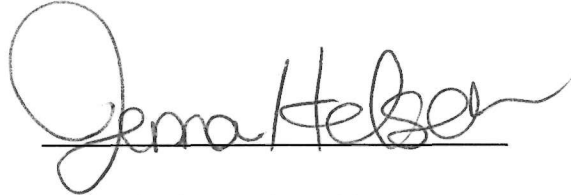
ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

- LEA Financial Report to the State: motion was made by Kent Kennis, seconded by Amber Krapp to approve the Financial Report. No further discussion motion carried.

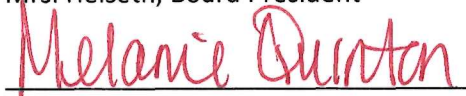
ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 17th, 10:00am

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am

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Mrs. Helseth, Board President

Handwritten signature of Melanie Quinton in red ink, written over a horizontal line.

Melanie Quinton, Business Manager

Handwritten date "10-17-23" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date approved