



EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

10.17.23

The board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 10.17.23

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

Zoom: Amber Krapp- Pingree-Buchanan

Absent:

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky- East Central Director, Melanie Quinton- East Central Business Manager, Kelly Rosenau, Teacher representative

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Board President Mrs. Helseth and a quorum was established.

Additions/Change to Agenda:

Minutes: A motion was made by Alyson Myhre, seconded by Natalie Becker to approve the minutes of the September 20th, 2023, Board Meeting. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Financial Report and Monthly Bills: The Financial Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Natalie Becker, seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the September 2023 Financial Report as presented. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Bills Payable: Bills payable were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Janelle Helm, seconded by Jordon Brown to approve September 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) Ashly noted additional funding was given from the state for education to use towards the para to teacher pipeline program.

-SLP part-time NRS & Oberon

FBA & BIP Training through Lake Region 10/18/23 - 8:30-3:30 (in person or virtual option):

Teachers recommended to attend if subs available:

- Kristen Ekren (Kensal)
- Rosie Mozelle (Carrington)
- Lindsay Widicker (FB)
- Morgan Wetzel (NRS)
- Teresa Risovi (FB)

STAR Autism Training 10/16 9-3 p.m. (virtual):

Teachers recommended to attend if subs available:

- Rosie Mozelle (Carrington)
- Chelsea Aljets (Unit wide)
- Kristen Ekren (Kensal)

Special Education Preschool Grant \$3,000:

Early Childhood Special Education Family Engagement Grant due 11/1/23.

MLK Day Professional Development:

- UFLI Reading Training
- Data Day
- Safety Care

Disproportionate Representation Indicator 9 & 10:

- No districts have a risk ratio at this time (2022-23)
 - Target ethnic group
 - Number of students in each ethnic group
 - Number of students in 'other' ethnic groups who are in special education

NDSA and NDAA (1%) ---opt out should not be recommended, but rather parent led:

- Monitoring disability categories
- Medical Exemption
- IEP testing accommodations need to be finalized by January 15th

State Director Call 10/12/23 at 10 a.m.

Director to attend Behavioral Health Conference October 24-26 (Bismarck or Virtual option).

SEL Presentations (Zoom) available Unit wide:

- November: Cindy Lou Who-The Power of Positivity
- January: Snow White: Kindness and Empathy
- March: Ugly Duckling: Self-awareness and how we talk to others

ARP Grant is closed.

TMS App for traveling staff.

Board President report:

OTHER

- Audit Week of October 9th, 2023.
- Game Changer Award for East Central Special Education Unit. Ashly noted she would like to do this award annually and it would be open to anyone involved in our Special Education Unit. More information to be presented at a future meeting.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

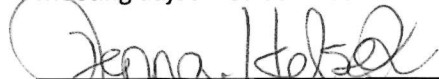
- Paraprofessional Benefits: Vision & Dental (available out of pocket to employees) Kent Dennis made a motion to approve to offer both vision and dental to all non-certified staff for out of pocket purchase, seconded by Janelle Helm, with no further discussion, all approved. Motion carried.
- Health Insurance- We currently offer Prorated health insurance to teachers per negotiated agreement who are not full time. But we do not offer this to paraprofessionals at the moment. Janelle Helm made a motion to offer health insurance at a prorated amount to part time paraprofessionals. Kent Dennis seconded. After discussion on cost to the unit. Matt Lokemoen denied, all others approved. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

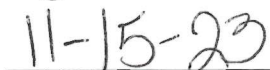
Next Board Meeting, Wednesday, November 15th, 10:00am.

Policy meeting rescheduled from 9/28 to 10/17 (to follow board meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.



Mrs. Helseth, Board President



Date Approved



Melanie Quinton, Business Manager