

East Central Center for Exceptional Children

*A Special Education Cooperative Serving the School Districts of Carrington, Kensal,
Fessenden-Bowdon, New Rockford-Sheyenne, Oberon, Pingree-Buchanan*

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DATE: Wednesday, February 8th, 2024

TO: East Central Board Members

FROM: Ashly Wolsky, Director

RE: Board Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

TIME: 10 a.m.

WHERE: East Central Center for Exceptional Children

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Establish quorum
- Welcome
- Additions to Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Financial Reports and Bills

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting minutes from January 17th, 2024, and Policy Committee Meeting minutes from January 25th, 2024.

a. Information: a copy of Regular Board Meeting minutes from January 17th and Policy Committee Meeting minutes from January 25th are provided.

b. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from January 17th to be approved as presented.

c. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting from January 25th be approved as presented.

2. Review of Financial Reports

- a. Information: a copy of the financial report from January are provided.
- b. Recommendation: I recommend the financial report for January to be approved as presented.

3. Approval of Bills Payable

- a. Information: a copy of the bills from January are provided.
- b. Recommendation: I recommend the bills from January be paid as presented.

II. REPORTS TO BOARD

Director's report:

- Regional Directors meeting January 24th in Valley City
 - VSCU Director provided program overview
 - Enrolling Fall 2024
 - Funding options
 - Other programs statewide
- Law Conference in Jamestown, ND February 1st & 2nd
 - Takeaways shared with Board and case managers
- Director attended State Director Meeting on February 8th, 2024
- Corrective action recommended from ND DPI from a State Complaint (email sent)
 - Amendments must have a Notice of Meeting and/or a team meeting to discuss changes (Feb 2023 to Feb 2024)
- Director to attend the SD BHSU Teacher Recruitment Fair February 29th

JOIN OUR TEAM:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xCxpDbPwNOYFaG4PyVfbnUCx9sGZEAfu8Bb8a4GvXdE/edit?usp=sharing>

Pre Application Form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sYegm_EcrA0W1H0JhZmR4FGzPXeL4iuWSaDp2DsSoE/edit?usp=sharing

- ND TieNet Work Group put on hold due to Superintendent Baesler's recommendation to modernize STARS; ND DPI is unsure how that will impact other programs such as TieNet
- GoalBook Training for Carrington and NRS case managers and SLPA's

- March 20th 2-5 p.m. in Jamestown, ND
 - In-person training and exploration
 - Pilot Program
 - Birth to 3 years and into vocational skills (prek-12)
 - GoalBook is not a Goal bank—it is individualized

- Director to attend CEC National Conference March 13-16 San Antonio, Texas

- Statewide Director meeting to be held in Carrington on March 21st Chiefton (20 directors Statewide)

- Behavioral Health Grant Update from ND DPI:
 - ND DPI will pull Medicaid match in April for preliminary for summer grant writing (July 1)
 - July ND DPI will provide a final total for the rest of the amount (must apply for monies)
 - Grant Deadline for Behavioral Health Grant for 2023-24 March 31st
 - Grant contract is 1 year
 - Hopefully the April date will provide you with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the funding to help plan better for the following year

- SSIP: PIER Tool will not be in Cognia this year, but rather a survey tool will be given to directions that will require reflective input (rolling out in March, and due end of the school year)

- Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring Systems: EWIMS (geared for junior high level) available to districts if interest to improve graduation rates (see ND DPI if your district is interested in EWIMS)

- Upcoming Preschool Screenings: *NEW online sign up, with paperwork download and digital upload!*
 - Carrington Preschool: 2/21 1-3 p.m.
 - Carrington Church Preschool: 2/22: 8:30-11:30
 - Carrington Preschool: 2/22 1-3 p.m.
 - NRS Preschool: 2/23 8:30-2:30
 - PB Preschool: 3/26 9-2 p.m.
 - Kensal Preschool: 4/9 9:30-11:30
 - Oberon Kindergarten: 4/11 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 - FB Preschool: 4/12 9:30-11:30 am.

-Night to Shine 2024: Harvey, ND

<https://timtebowfoundation.org/night-to-shine/>

Night to Shine Photos:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eusNdl6wluCFH9i8_QgMjo-WouZwNtvshuOH0MjLwPs/edit?usp=sharing

-Medicaid: State Plan and Feds pushing for Medicaid billing for mental/behavioral health (school psych)

-Increases in referrals for special education assessments:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kv2RHjM0F21LwlOpK3dBBZHk7-oFwHEEfWNY8L7sDf0/edit?usp=sharing>

Board President report:

III. OTHER

IV. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

- DDAA Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Policy (1st reading)
- DDAA-BR Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Regulations (1st reading)
- Approval of Roberta (Bobbi) Gleason's teaching contract for the 2024-25 school year @ Oberon Public School (see attachment)

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting date: Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

Upcoming Policy committee meeting Tuesday, March 5th, 2024