

East Central Center for Exceptional Children

*A Special Education Cooperative Serving the School Districts of Carrington, Kensal,
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DATE: Tuesday, April 9th, 2024
TO: East Central Board Members
FROM: Ashly Wolsky, Director
RE: Board Meeting
WHEN: Wednesday, April 16th, 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 March 27th, 2024.

- a. Information: a copy of Regular Board Meeting minutes from March 27th are provided.
- b. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from March 27th to be approved as presented.

2. Review of Financial Reports

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

3. Approval of Bills Payable

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

II. REPORTS TO BOARD

Director's report:

- Staffing Update for the 2024-25 School year:

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

NEED TO FILL: *currently advertising open positions*

-Paraprofessional at Carrington (immediate opening)

-Paraprofessional at FB (immediate opening)

-Paraprofessional at NRS (immediate opening)

-Special Education teacher Carrington Jr. High 2024-25 school year

-Special Education teacher NRS Jr. High 2024-25 school year (currently being filled with a 2nd year Resident Teacher, with case management)

- Teacher evaluations to be completed by the 4/15 deadline and filed in cum. Evaluations consist of observations, paperwork/data review, self evaluation, formal checklist and feedback from district administration

- Business manager and Transition Coordinator evaluations

- PIER Tool—Director meeting, Monday, April 15th in Valley City, ND (Zones of Regulation Fidelity check, survey sent to case managers and data is reported to ND DPI) **Rescheduled for 4/18/24**

- Budget Planning meeting on Monday, April 29th —feedback and suggestions welcomed

- ESY meetings and planning, email sent out for students who meet the criteria for ESY and staff willing to serve the students (Direct Bill to the districts)--itinerant staff/mileage
- High Cost student update-no longer needing residential placement at this time
- Discretionary Grant \$10,000—teacher retention and recruitment (\$5,000 RT, 2nd year)
- Spring staffing meetings—programming and planning 2024-25 school year
- Indicator 8: Parent Surveys—case managers please keep sending them out for completion. Our Unit/State is rated on the % of parents who report that the school facilitated parent involvement (goal to have completed by end of school year)
- Indicator 14: Post-School Outcomes: % of youth with IEPs no longer in school
 - A. Enrolled in higher education
 - B. Enrolled in higher education or competitively employed
 - C. Enrolled in higher education, other postsecondary education, or training program or competitively employed or in some other employment, within one year of leaving high school

Transition Coordinator to complete the post outcomes survey this summer

- Unit wide data 3rd quarter IEP student progress:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13zTZYmj6mF6z05D8-o86nekc8orJzSal8gKrIZbynD8/edit?usp=sharing>
- GoalBook Training for Carrington and NRS case managers and SLPA's—must use! ND DPI and GoalBook will be monitoring the usage, surveys will be completed to determine if it will be used Statewide
- Director's Meeting: Thursday, April 11th—Laura Booth, please feel free to join and or send questions pertinent to special education, 504, IEPs. There will be a continuation of her services for the 2024-25 school year
- Preschool Screenings data (see attachment)
 - 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.

- Director to attend Summer Institute-Bismarck, ND: June 11th and 12th
- Special Education Mentoring/Professional Learning Community (PLC) for the 2024-25 school year—recommending but not limited to monthly meetings

Teachers in their first 1-3 years of teaching, teachers that need additional professional growth, and/or teachers new to the district

- Develop collaborative partnerships
- Take collective responsibility in improving outcomes for students with disabilities
- Ensure the curriculum maintains an appropriate rigor (data/progress)
- Discuss differentiated interventions for all learners
- Explore reach based teaching/co-teaching strategies and available resources for students

Local/State Updates:

- Need for Respite Care Providers:
<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/adults-and-aging/lifespan-respite-care-grant-service>
- ABLE in School: <https://www.ableinschoolonline.org/home> (K-12), Free PE curriculum samples—inclusion, testimonials, and the ability to participate ABLE GAMES
- Local Parent Support Group for families/parents with disabilities—looking at starting a support group in our region, consisting of monthly meetings starting in the Fall of 2024. “Coffee chat” to provide support and resources in rural N.D. to parents, guardians, and caregivers
- Camp Grassick: <https://elkscampgrassick.com>—Calling all students to register to attend summer camp and those looking to be employed through the camp and support students with disabilities
- South Central Human Service Center, Stutsman County-Jamestown, ND:
<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/HSC/region-6>

Board President report:

III. OTHER

Continuation of lease agreement with NRS for preschool \$1,100 mo for the 2024-25 school year

TEACHER & PARAPROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION WEEK
May 6th -May 10th

-Thank you for inspiring our students every day.

- Thank you for your patience and dedication.
- Thank you for the lessons you teach our students (big and small).
- Thank you for lighting the path to knowledge.
- Thank you for your guidance that will shape the future.

IV. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

- Rocky Mountain Evaluation Tool: \$35 per employee, per year and a \$350 setup fee which covers lifetime maintenance. Can be up and running immediately:
<https://rmevaluations.com>
- KACA: Patron Complaints (2nd and final reading)

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting date: Wednesday, May 15th, 2024

Upcoming Policy committee meeting Tuesday, April 30th, 2024