

## **East Central Center for Exceptional Children**

*A Special Education Cooperative Serving the School Districts of Carrington, Kensal,  
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**Updated on 10/10/24 at 10:50 a.m.**

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 8th, 2024  
**TO:** East Central Board Members  
**FROM:** Ashly Wolsky, Director  
**RE:** Board Meeting  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 15th, 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**

#### **2. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Board Meeting minutes from September 18, 2024.

- a. Information: a copy of Regular Board Meeting minutes from September 18th are provided.
- b. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from September 18th to be approved as presented.

#### **3. Review of Financial Reports**

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

#### **4. Approval of Bills Payable**

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

## **II. REPORTS TO BOARD**

### **Director's report:**

1st year teachers mentoring program—requires observing in other classrooms and being observed by mentor (professional leave needed and/or permission to observe during early outs)

Director attended Laura Booth meeting on 9/18, followed by the Director's Study Council meeting, next meeting 10/16

Resource: 504 presentation, Laura Booth (see attachment)

Director attended Regional Directors meeting in West Fargo on 9/26; next director's meeting is in Grafton on 10/23 and the focus will be AI Pilot Program for teachers and students (homework help)

Upcoming Regional Directors meetings: November in Mayville, December FPS, January SEEC/Fargo, February Jamestown/EC co-host, March host Statewide director's meeting in Carrington, April Wahpeton

NDAD: Gibbens Memorial Grant submitted in the amount \$5,000 to offset equipment costs, "helping others help themselves"  
<https://ndad.org/services/grants/>

High cost student at ACC possible graduation; not staying until age 21 if adult services can be secured

Shared costs vs Direct costs  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fv4cN5eJ1\\_sbKgm98l8DOL3voktka6lAryki8K4RFZ8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fv4cN5eJ1_sbKgm98l8DOL3voktka6lAryki8K4RFZ8/edit?usp=sharing)

Leadership Award: Outstanding Contribution for Special Ed Administration Award

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fv8PAGzSVU7OUe\\_eWePHHqRr9KYFPJCtGXVnS0O5wik/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Fv8PAGzSVU7OUe_eWePHHqRr9KYFPJCtGXVnS0O5wik/edit?usp=sharing)

Potential new 'Para project' for training opportunity separate from Master Teacher (funds available to train/pay 150 paras) SEEC, paras need 20 hours of training annually—good option for snow days and/or early outs

ABLE in School, East Central received \$6,500 grant from Burgum Foundation to cover the costs of the curriculum (3 years), training, and travel to the upcoming ABLE Games in April for Carrington Public School

Chronic Absenteeism: call CHINS for referral, continue to meet as an IEP team to discuss reasons why and continue to create plans to attempt to get student(s) in building, document any and all attempts, parent trainings, keep filing truancy, send home truancy letters from school. Access school counselors for support.

Collecting data Statewide for contracted services:

PT \$65-70 an hour

ACC PT \$141 an hour (used only for students with complex needs)

OT \$62.50 an hour

Speech \$85 an hour

TieNet training needed for contracted service providers

ADOS Training through SEEC (school psych)

Safety Care—discussed training local trainers within the State

Possibility of sharing equipment statewide; legally required to provide equipment to ensure FAPE

MTSS Speech

ND DPI is expanding GoalBook to the entire State—East Central inquired about joining this year with upcoming training opportunities in January (Kensal, PB, FB)

Student contract system will continue as is for the current school year, will be looking at an 'average' for next year

Career View Virtual Reality—every school district should have a VR device and code to access the careers, great resource for special education students

<https://careerviewxr.bemorecolorful.com/>

## **Board President report:**

### **III. OTHER**

Congrats to Laura Hager and family on baby #6: Keaton John, born 9/18 9 lbs 1 oz.

Updated East Central Comprehensive Plan, need *signatures on the memorandum of understanding agreement in order to submit to ND DPI*

Audit October 21st through the 23rd

Measure 4:

<https://www.sos.nd.gov/elections/voter/ballot-measures/measures-ballot>

NRS meeting regarding unpaid true up bill from June

Retirement: Vickie Becvar (see letter attached)--part time training option for replacement

Discussion of Transition Coordinator job description and wage scale

Transition Coordinator Job description example:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oPMJQ1\\_S5FEfxrqEnApStC4a3nEZRZc-O3uwLZDPtO0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oPMJQ1_S5FEfxrqEnApStC4a3nEZRZc-O3uwLZDPtO0/edit?usp=sharing)

Recommendation is to post the position for the 2025-26 school year

#### **IV. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION**

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Policy Committee Meeting: November 12th, 2024 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.