

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

6-20-22

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 6-20-22.

Members Present: Jenna Helseth, Robert Toso, Avolt Baumbach, Kent Dennis, Matt Lokemoen(via Zoom), Jordan Brown and Natalie Becker. Member absent, Kris Kuehn.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Helseth and a quorum was established.

Additions/Change to Agenda: No changes.

Minutes: A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Robert Toso, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Monthly Bills: Reviewed financial report. A motion was made by Jordan Brown, seconded by Robert Toso, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

Bills Payable: Bills payable were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Robert Toso, seconded by Jordan Brown, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS TO BOARD

Directors Report

Discretionary Grant: Teacher retention \$10,000: UND RT's for the 2022-23 School year. Funds will be used for the RT program and Praxis test and study material for the Special Ed portion of the Praxis Test. Grant was approved.

Visual Phonics Training: This training took place on June 7th and 8th at East Central. East Central Staff as well as participants from neighboring schools and units attended. All who attended reported it was a great training.

Annual Leadership Meeting: Director, Ashly Wolsky attended the annual meeting in Bismarck on June 6th and 7th.

Indicator 7 & 12: Both are early childhood indicators. Reports were submitted on 5/8/22.

Indicator 11 Child Find: We are cleaning up unfinalized paperwork back to 2008. Most units have been put on an improvement plan due to their performance in this area. Our units is not on an improvement plan.

able IN SCHOOL: A Pilot Program that is imbedded int PE courses involving CrossFit. It is a peer mentoring program that teaches that everyone is able to participate. Participants of the program are eligible to register and participate in Abelgames. The funding for the program is through a Behavioral Health Grant.

Benefits of the program are a vocational increase in stamina on the jobsite and it teaches the staff at the jobsite how to coach individuals with disabilities. There is no cost to get into the Pilot program.

Teacher Recruitment Ideas: Ideas to increase recruitment was discussed. Some ideas were dual credits in education at high school level, job shadowing, and talking to classes to increase interest in education.

Mental Health Registry: It was noted that this is coming soon!

ND Kognito Suicide Awareness: Free website resource that 1) helps an educator recognize when a student is exhibiting signs of psychological distress and 2) practice a challenging conversation with a student or parent to connect them with appropriate school support staff.

Teacher Support System: A mentoring program to support new teachers. We have 2 mentors registered within our unit.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mediation with New Rockford-Sheyenne School

- Mediation was held May 23rd.
- ECCEC representatives that attended were Board members Jenna Helseth and Robert Toso, Director Ashly Wolsky, Business Manager Renae Duchscherer and past Business Manager Susette Allmarars.
- Judge Klein's notes are attached to these minutes.
- EC Board feels it is important to set up dialogue with the NR-S Board. A meeting with EC Board and NR-S Board with Ken Astrup was discussed.
- It was also discussed to have an informal meet and greet with EC Board and all District Boards.
- It was decided to find out how much this would cost and to take action on this item at the August board meeting.
- NRS will appoint new members to the EC Board at their July meeting, so it is possible we will have new members and it would be beneficial to have their input on the topic.

OCR Title IX: Response came back directing East Central to be trained and follow Title IX. East Central Staff will follow the departments recommendations. The original deadline given was quite tight, so the Director reached out for an extension to train and form policy. Deadlines were extended to December 2022.

Thank you's and best wishes were extended to Robert Toso and Kris Kuehn.

ITEMS Recommended for Board Action

Policy C110 Accreditation Requirements: Members were given the chance to review this policy with changes and comment. Robert Toso made the motion to approve the 2nd reading, seconded by Kent Dennis. Motion carried.

Policy C300.2 Administering Medication to Students: Members were given the chance to review this policy with changes and comment. Avolt Baumbach made the motion to approve the 2nd reading, seconded by Jordan Brown. Motion carried.

Teacher Contracts for 2022/23: Contracts were presented for the following teachers: Lori Deal, Laurel Westby and a lane change for Megan Thompson. Robert Toso made the motion to approve Laurel Wesby 's contract as presented and was seconded by Kent Dennis. Motion carried. Jordan Brown made the motion to approve Lori Deal's contract as presented and was seconded by Avolt Baumbach. Motion carried. Megan's was just a lane change and did not require board action.

Preliminary Budget for 2022-23 School Year: 3 versions of the Preliminary Budget were presented with mill levels at 2.25, 2.50 and 2.75. There was much discussion regarding the mills to be used for the preliminary budget. Kent Dennis moved to stay at 2.75 mills for the preliminary budget seconded by Robert Toso. Further discussion followed regarding 2.50 mills versus 2.75. Also discussed was the timeline for approving the budget. The preliminary budget will be voted on at one of the August Board meetings.

A roll call vote was called on the above motion regarding keeping budget at 2.75 mills. The results were:

Dennis:	Yes
Brown:	Yes
Toso:	Yes
Becker:	Yes
Baumbach:	Yes
Lokemoen:	No
Helseth:	No

Motion to keep preliminary budget at 2.75 mills carried.

Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting date: August 10, 2022 at 10:00am.

Jenna Helseth, Board President

Rena Duchscherer, Business Manager

Date approved