



## **EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

### **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**December 18th, 2024**

**The board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held on 12.18.24**

**Members Present:** Board President, Jenna Helseth-Carrington, Janelle Helm-Carrington, Natalie Becker-New Rockford-Sheyenne, Matt Lokemoen-Kensal, Laura Hager-New Rockford-Sheyenne, Amber Krapp-Pingree-Buchanan

**Zoom:** Jordon Brown-Oberon

**Absent:** Stacy Benz- Fessenden

**Others Present:** Ashly Wolsky- East Central Director, Melanie Quinton- East Central Business Manager, Teacher representative Morgan Wetzel

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Board President Mrs. Helseth, and a quorum was established.

Additions/ amendments: None

Jonathan Worral and Craig Hashbarger, auditors from Widmer Roel presented the 2023-24 audit results.

Brooke Tayer from SEEC presented to the board with explanations on how Medicaid and the Behavior Health Grant work, along with the Medicaid match. East Central Unit is essentially paying for the Medicaid and paying a reimbursement at the end of the school year and not receiving the BH grant. East Central is the only unit in the state that is paying the Medicaid Match to each district due to EC policy H-200. Discussion was held on how to fix this problem to ensure the unit is not losing money.

A motion was made by Janelle Helm and seconded by Amber Krapp to approve the November 27, 2024, board minutes. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Hager and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2024, board minutes. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Amber Krapp and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the November 2024 Financial Report and payroll report as presented. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Janelle Helm and seconded by Matt Lokemoen to approve the November 2024 bills payable. Laura Hager inquired about consultant costs. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

#### Directors Report:

Director Wolsky discussed the Regional Directors meeting she attended in Jamestown 11/21. Next meeting will be in Mandan.

Child Count was completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Director Wolsky will complete affidavit and submit it to DPI. Along with providing the updated Child Count for the 2024-25 school year to the EC Board.

Professional Development will be held in January on Martin Luther King Day at East Central. Training will include GoalBook and Transition services.

ADOS Training will be completed by the Special Ed preschool teacher online at the end of the school year.

Transition Coordinator position was discussed. There are multiple applications for both the long term substitute position and the long term position. Interviews will be held in January. Director Wolsky also mentioned the grant and how we can transfer funds to summer if needed so we do not lose funds.

Medicaid Ann Carlson billing will no longer be taking place as the unit is essentially losing money in the process.

Unit sustainability- Director Wolsky is working with Wahpeton and Jamestown on different collaborative options such as professional development, Medicaid, contract system, and related services.

#### Board Action:

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve C-300.2 Administering Medication to students (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading). With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Janelle Helm and seconded by Laura Hager to approve D-200 General Employment Requirements (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading). With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Amber Krapp and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve D-202 PTO Benefits (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading). With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Amber Krapp and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve D-203 Disassociation (2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading). With no further discussion, the motion carried.

The district of Midkota presented an official letter to join the East Central Unit. Discussion was held. Director Wolsky's recommendation is to amend the EC policy for approval to change the wording to accept a new unit within the month of December. The current EC policy reads December 1<sup>st</sup>.


Natalie Becker made a motion to look into the cost effectiveness of an additional district joining the East Central unit and Laura Hager seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

The Next Board Meeting date: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

  
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Mrs. Helseth, Board President

  
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Melanie Quinton, Business Manager

  
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