

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 12th, 2025

TO: East Central Board Members

FROM: Ashly Wolsky, Director

RE: Board Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

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 15th, 2025 and Special Board Meeting minutes from February 12th.

- a. Information: a copy of Regular Board Meeting minutes from January 15th, 2025.
- b. Information: a copy of Special Board Meeting minutes from February 12th are provided.
- c. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from January 15th to be approved as presented.

d. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Special Board Meeting from February 12th to be approved as presented.

4. Review of Financial Reports

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

5. Approval of Bills Payable, including payroll

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

II. REPORTS TO BOARD

Director's report:

Joint Directors meeting Mandan on January 23rd

Upcoming director's meeting at FPS on February 20th at the Explorer Academy

Transition Coordinator memo sent on 1/17: Click below to find the breakdown of duties between a high school case managers and the transition coordinator:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YqoDAPkd96qRxA52DG6AZ1oyLpj4-OBb1YW6duGX5EQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Laura Booth, School Law Attorney at 1 p.m. today—meetings align with EC board meetings. Study Council board meeting to follow

Director to present at NDASA-Superintendents Spring 2025 in Valley City (date TBA based on legislation)

Preschool Screenings Schedule:

- Pingree-Buchanan: February 17th 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (completed)
- Kensal: February 18th 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (completed)
- Carrington: February 25th 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (a.m. church, p.m. school)
- NRS: February 27th 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Fessenden-Bowdon: March 28th 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Oberon: March 4th 1:30 to 2 p.m.

****Preschool Screenings attendance does not automatically sign students up for the district preschool, even if you are on an IEP****

-Early Childhood Grant-\$10,000 *not approved* as the funding isn't available to a Special Ed Unit only school districts

-North Dakota Juvenile Justice proposal: SAG grant—*no funding approved to EC*
-\$500,000 available and there were \$2.7 million dollars in requests

- Central Region Education Association: Bismarck and Minot-mentoring, assessment, peer to peer tutoring \$190,000
- Dickinson Public School District: Restorative Practices, Coaching, Collaborative Problem Solving Training: \$39,076
- Fargo Public School: Check and Connect Mentors, Learner Success Coaches and Targeted Case Management \$52,358
- Northern Cass School: Check & Connect Mentors, Learner Success Coaches and Targeted Case Management \$70,000
- Wahpeton Public School District: Case management by student and family engagement staff \$77,000
- Tate Topa Tribal School: Elder mentors, Restorative Practices Training: \$50,000
- Oliver Mercer Multi-District Special Ed Unit: Safety Care Prevention Training: \$40,000
- Devils Lake High School Family Engagement Events: \$20,000

-Pre-ETS: Pre-Employment Transition Grant due March 21st, and will be informed of funding by May 9th-director plans to submit proposal for continual funding to offset the cost of the Transition Coordinator position

-Fund Balance (decrease due to spending down remaining ARP monies)

-Anne Carlsen Center: adding another student ESY 2025 and for the 2025-26 school year-\$100,000 per year with approximately half reimbursed by the State (similar cost to a 1:1 para); potentially adding 2 or 3 more students

-Spring is upon us: teacher evaluations, para evaluations, para return forms, negotiations, budget, staffing needs, etc. will be requesting feedback **at Spring planning meetings**

-Early Childhood Grant opportunity (\$3,000)

-Parent Survey

-Fessenden-Bowdon granted Behavioral Health funds to EC in the amount of \$13,000

-Behavioral Health Q & A 2/18 2-2:30 with Brooke Tayer from SEEC

-Midkota visit on 2/14/2025

Board President report:

III. OTHER

IV. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

- Remove Shelly Ehni and Vickie Becvar off the East Central BOB account at Bank Forward and need to add Katie Eggermont and Melanie Quinton
- Negotiations: appoint negotiators
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- [Behavioral Health Grant](#): click link to view recommendation options
- [School Psychologist Proposal](#) (click link to view proposal)-updated
 - School Psychologist salary comparison
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1u_aIAZ_QDH67Wn_yRn-gV1m_nKkU0dc0kTiri9IKylZM/edit?usp=sharing (click link to view salary comparisons)
- Midkota formal request to join East Central Special Education Unit (see letter attached)

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting date: Wednesday, March 19th, 2025