

## **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:** Friday, April 4th, 2025  
**TO:** East Central Board Members  
**FROM:** Ashly Wolsky, Director  
**RE:** Board Meeting  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 16th, 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 March 11th, 2025 and Negotiations Committee Meeting minutes from April 2nd, 2025.

- a. Information: a copy of Regular Board Meeting minutes from March 11th, 2025.
- b. Information: a copy of Negotiations Committee Meeting minutes from April 2nd, 2025 are provided.
- c. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from March 11th to be approved as presented.

d. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Negotiations Committee Meeting from April 2nd to be approved as presented.

#### **4. Review of Financial Reports**

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

#### **5. Approval of Bills Payable, including payroll**

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

## **II. REPORTS TO BOARD**

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

All State Directors meeting held Carrington, ND March 27th

Laura Booth, School Law Attorney 4/16 at 1 p.m.

Carrington and NRS EC case managers participated in a GoalBook survey for Johns Hopkins results shared at Summer Leadership

Infinite Campus-ND DPI Steve Snow; committee/pilot program "single system"

- PowerSchool & TieNet merge to Infinite Campus
- Will allow sped to see general ed records and vice versa
- Show accommodations and IEP
- MTSS, 504, preschool screening info
- Paperwork transfer
- Pilot program for the 2025-26 school year
- Statewide rollout 2026-27 school year
- App for parents
- Discussion about going 'paperless' for IEP paperwork
- Next step, student Contracts (reworking the whole system)--'rules that aren't rules,' and short stays

Parent Survey-Indicator 8, guidance has been provided; hoping for 100% participation so please keep pushing out surveys

Preschool Screenings Data (see attachment)

Early Childhood Grant opportunity (\$3,000)-**grant received** for Autism testing materials

-Behavioral Health monies-testing materials \$13,711.02 **grant submitted and approved**

-Teacher evaluations completed, signed, and filed (4/15 deadline)

-Business Manager evaluation completed

-Transition Coordinator evaluation completed

-Paraprofessional evals to be completed by case managers

-Special Ed Report Cards: district/Unit level (see attachments)

-Adding Para Behavior Training through Special Ed Gurus (required)

-Exploring START UPS Transition Curriculum for 5th-12th grade and ages 18-21

-Exploring SOLAR curriculum for social skills; through STAR Autism

-Added a paraprofessional in Oberon (1:1)

-988 is not just for suicide, mobile crisis line (home or school) providing teletherapy, crisis team, and police (DL and Jamestown)--low school usage, need to use to continue the funding

-Staff recognition awards for years of service for teachers and paraprofessionals

-Safety Care Training—train the trainer—all staff training

-Book Study: Anxious Generation, credit opportunity for case managers

-Staffing 2025-26

-Para to teacher pipeline program can be used Statewide; UND sped technician (2 year program)--undergrad in 3 years—masters year 4, funding through ND DPI (fewer scholarships, but paying out more)

### **Board President report:**

#### **III. OTHER**

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

- Recommendation to approve a stipend for SLPs in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2025-26 school year
- Resignation of McKenzie Davis (see attachment)

- Section 15.1-16-22 - Negotiation strategy and instructions - Executive session

Executive Session to discuss negotiations and teacher contracts:

The board of a school district, or any authorized subcommittee of the board, may hold an executive session under section 44-04-19.2 to discuss negotiating strategies or to provide to its representative negotiating instructions, which are applicable to anticipated or pending:

- 1. Litigation;
- 2. Adversarial administrative proceedings; or
- 3. Contracts.

*N.D.C.C. § 15.1-16-22*

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Board Meeting date: Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

Negotiations Meeting date: May 7th (repeated event every Wednesday at 3:30 via Zoom)