

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 25th, 2025

TO: East Central Board Members

FROM: Ashly Wolsky, Director

RE: Board Meeting

WHEN: May 20th, 2025

TIME: 10 a.m.

WHERE: East Central Center for Exceptional Children

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- **Establish quorum**
 - **Welcome**
 - **Additions to Agenda**
 - **Move to Executive Session**
- **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

- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Financial Reports and Bills**

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting minutes from April 16th, 2025.

- a. Information: a copy of Regular Board Meeting minutes from April 16th, 2025.
- b. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from April 16th to be approved as presented.

4. Review of Financial Reports

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

5. Approval of Bills Payable, including payroll

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

II. REPORTS TO BOARD

Director's report:

- Director attended Laura Booth discussion & Study Council meeting on 4/16, last law meeting at 5/21 at 1 p.m., Study Council to follow
- Regional Directors meeting on May 8th in Wahpeton (rescheduled due to conflict with National conferences)
- Director to attend Summer Leadership June 3rd and 4th in Bismarck; Study Council Meeting June 3rd
- Free Behavioral Health Workshop June 4th and 5th, Bismarck Event Center
- SOLAR: Social Learning and Emotional Regulation curriculum
 - Unit license; 3 week Trial (May)---½ day Virtual training
 - Tier 1, 2, or 3 and resource for parents
 - baseline assessment; scope and sequence
 - best used in a group setting
 - 3 Units: The Basics, Intermediate, Advanced

- User friendly (STAR has lots of moving pieces)
- Dashboard: printables and suggested children's literature

-Recommendation to add a paperwork compliance position (case manager) to address the Valid and Reliable Indicator: recommendation; 2-3 hours per case manager a month-possibility to use discretionary grant monies; usage information from 2024-25; paperwork days/hours provided as need

-Recommendation to pay Safety Care trainers (2) a daily rate (8 hour training plus travel) \$350 a day, vs. \$25 an hour; providing incentive to be a trainer

-Mandatory Safety Care Training: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (full training required) for teachers and paraprofessionals; change from Aug to June: 8 hours training and the usage in the classroom (15 hours) for the Cafeteria credit option

- June 10th: Carrington and Kensal (Carrington library)
- June 11th: NRS, Midkota, and Oberon (EC)
- June 12th: FB, PB (EC)

-Book Study PD on June 26th: Anxious Generation, credit opportunity for case managers

-4th quarter progress and Unitwide data (cum review)

-GoalBook Usage:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wWwC-22RauB_h6UX-2FIfbcV0R3e09v4PpUgny7I1uA/edit?usp=sharing

-ESY: Extended School year determined by IEP team based on regression, recoupment, and whether the student is on the verge of a learning breakthrough

-6 students accepted to ACC; anticipating 7 for ESY and the 2025-26 school year (LRE)

-Spring planning meetings: caseload and scheduling

-Staffing 2025-26:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xEAdAz_Z957GtmkAOgvFuK57P9LIBzO0UrmbgkH8Lh0/edit?usp=sharing

-Para to teacher pipeline program: 2 Carrington & 1 Midkota (teacher role)

-Director schedule: last day in the office 5/30

-Summer Leadership June 2-4th (available by phone or email)

-Safety Care training June 10th-Carrington

-EC board meeting June 18th

-EC PD June 26th-Jamestown

-6 days in the summer of work-shift to August; requesting virtual days for 2.7/2.9 meetings, staffing, grants, ND DPI

Board President report:

III. OTHER

Happy Teacher and Paraprofessional Appreciation week (May 5th)

Vickie Becvar, Transition Coordinator retirement party Friday, May 2nd from 4-8 p.m. NR Eagles

Thank you to the current board members that have served on EC board for the 2024-25 school year

Negotiations scheduled tentatively for May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th at 3:30 (Zoom)

IV. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

Approval of Teacher Negotiated Agreement

Approval of Para professional Wage increase

Approval of Substitute wage increase

Approval of Director's 2 year contract

Approval of Business Manager work agreement

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting date: Tuesday, June 18th, 2025

Past practice: no July board meeting but rather 2 meetings in August: tentative dates August 6th and 27th

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