



EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 11th, 2025

The board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held on 6.11.25.

Members Present: Board President, Jenna Helseth-Carrington, Natalie Becker-New Rockford-Sheyenne, Laura Hager-New Rockford-Sheyenne, Stacy Benz- Fessenden, Janelle Helm-Carrington, Jordan Brown-Oberon

Zoom: Matt Lokemoen-Kensal, Amber Krapp-Pingree-Buchanan, Leah Thoms-Teacher representative

Absent: Others Present: Ashly Wolsky- East Central Director, Melanie Quinton- East Central Business Manager, Darren Sheggerud-Fessenden, Lindsay Widicker-Fessenden

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Board President Mrs. Helseth, and a quorum was established.

Additions/ amendments: Board action: SLPA buy out and teacher contract

Election of officers- will be held at August meeting. A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Janelle Helm to table election of officers to August. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Laura Hager and seconded by Natalie Becker to approve May 20th, 2025, board minutes. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Janelle Helm and seconded by Stacy Benz to approve the June 2025 financial report as presented. Discussion was held on revenue income with transition and student contracts and also on business manager travel line. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Stacy Benz and seconded by Jordan Brown to approve the May 2025 visa and bills presented. Discussion was held on the Visa statement. The majority of bills payable will be emailed for draft approval with final approval at August meeting. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Directors Report:

Director Wolsky attended summer leadership in Bismarck and Study Council. The approval of the continuation of Laura Booth, education law meetings were approved for the 2025-26 school year.

Director Wolsky discussed SOLAR: Social Learning and Emotional Regulation curriculum. The unit's free trial is now available. Director Wolsky encouraged staff and board members to log in.

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Director Wolsky recommends adding a paperwork compliance position (case manager) to address the Valid and Reliable Indicator using some Discretionary Grant monies if approved.

Director Wolsky discussed the upcoming required Safety Care training and the credits earned from it. A makeup class is being planned for those who could not attend.

June 10th: 7am-4pm Carrington and Kensal (Carrington library)

June 11th: 7am-4pm NRS, Midkota, and Oberon (EC)

June 12th: 7am-4pm FB and PB (EC)

June 25th: 1pm-6pm Midkota (Binford) refresher

Director Wolsky will be hosting a Book Study PD on June 26th: Anxious Generation. This is a credit opportunity for case managers. If there are any other staff that would like to earn the credit reach out to Director Wolsky.

ESY: Has started for staff and students

Staffing 2025-26:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xEAdAz_Z957GtmkAOgvFuK57P9LIBzOOUrmbgkH8Lh0/edit?usp=sharing

School Psychologist was discussed by Director Wolsky who stated all hours except 9 days for the year have been contracted. If any schools would like extra hours with Tara they should contact Director Wolsky.

Director Wolsky discussed GoalBook, it is now statewide and will be introducing an AI to help with research and studies.

East Central is looking into option of AI for notetaking meetings.

IDEA B, IDEA B Preschool and Discretionary grants have been submitted.

Director Wolsky discussed the indicator reports. Indicators 4,7,8,11,12 appear to pass. EC came in third place across the state with indicator 8, parent surveys completed.

LEA Representatives were discussed by Director Wolsky, reminding board members that administration is in charge of implementing IEPs schoolwide and should be a part of evaluations/observations.

Director Wolsky discussed any District PD being held in August, if the board would like Director Wolsky to be involved reach out to her to schedule.

Case manager requirements for back to school were discussed. Things included are back to school letter to parents/students should be: introducing new case managers, giving them a plan for the upcoming school year, updating the 2025-26 schedule and caseload, paraprofessional meetings to review the handbook and job requirements, IEP Snap Shots and BIPS if applicable and who they need to be communicated with. Safety care is also being discussed at each individual IEP meetings.

Board president report:

Draft Budget for 2025-26 was presented and discussed. Contracted Services for Speech were discussed. Full Circle (Jaclyn) will be moving down to .75 day a week of supervision only. Director Wolsky is looking to bring on a SLP and a SLPA. The SLPA has a contract with Lake Region that we will tentatively buy out. We will also contract services with Presence Learning.

Contracted services for the School Psychologist were discussed. Warwick school will be contracting 2 days a week and Midkota school will be contracting 3 hours a month. There is 9 days total available to be contracted out, if not contracted it will fall under EC for a total of 96 days.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the 2025-27 paraprofessional wage increase of .50 cents to the base for 2025-26 bringing the base wage to \$16.00. And for the 2026-27 school year wage increase of .50 to the base bringing the base wage to \$16.50. Each year being a 3.2%. Discussion was held about paraprofessionals that have health insurance and the fact that we are moving down to single plan coverage only. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Substitute teacher wage increase was discussed. The current daily rate is \$170. Natalie Becker made a motion to leave the sub rate at \$170 for the next 2 years, Laura Hager seconded. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Stacy Benz and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the resignation of Teresa Risovi. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Stacy Benz and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the resignation of Lindsay Widicker. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Stacy Benz and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve a teachers contract in Fessenden. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Stacy Benz and seconded by Natalie Becker to approve a SLPP tuition buyback totaling \$47,800 and the approval of the SLPP contract with a 1 year commitment after license completion. The buyout will be a direct bill to schools utilizing services. 7 to 1 motion carried.

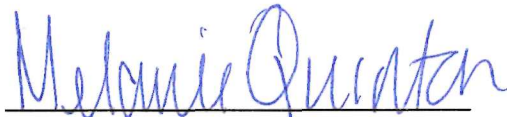
The Next Board Meeting date: August 7th, 2025, at 10:00 pm.

No July Board Meeting, second meeting August 27th at 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm



Mrs. Helseth, Board President



Melanie Quinton, Business Manager



Date Approved