

## **East Central Center for Exceptional Children**

*A Special Education Cooperative Serving the School Districts of Carrington, Kensal,  
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**DATE: Wednesday, September 11th, 2025**

**TO: East Central Board Members**

**FROM: Ashly Wolsky, Director**

**RE: Board Meeting**

**WHEN: Thursday, September 23rd, 2025**

**TIME: 10:00am**

**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 August 27th, 2025.

- a. Information: a copy of Regular Board Meeting minutes from August 27th, 2025.
- b. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from August 27th to be approved as presented.

#### **2. Review of Financial Reports**

- a. Information: a copy of the financial report from September is provided.

b. Recommendation: I recommend the financial report for September to be approved as presented.

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

a. Information: a copy of the bills and payroll from September are provided.

b. Recommendation: I recommend the bills and payroll from September to be paid as presented.

## **II. REPORTS TO BOARD**

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

-ND DPI rolling out "Core plus more" —intervention/small group from teacher & special ed 3 best practices:

- 1.importance of core instruction
- 2.the need for extra time (interventions)
- 3.highly skilled, content strong teachers

-Progress reports need to be given quarterly according to IEP; emails & updates are not considered progress. Progress reports need to be spaced out, not just providing 4 quarters of progress at the end of the year

-Focus Monitoring: 2031-32  
All districts will be focused monitored, EC last rotation

-All new teachers need science of reading training; online training available

-Cell phones & IEPs, looking into legal guidance

-New disability names: ED & Hearing Impairment

-EC was 1 of the 12 units/districts across the state that passed the Transition Indicator

-NDAA (1% of students)—NDAA will negatively impact a student who has desires to attend any college coursework; sending out a request for students taking the AA and passing along info on the testing windows.

ND DPI contact: Maggie Williams and/or live chat

-ND DPI AT Builders Assessment (by request), will work with school teams on AT

-Indicator 9 & 10, no concerns with disproportionate racial/ethnic groups

-Infinite Campus (7 years) TieNet docs (concerns up uploaded docs)—sample provided, open to suggestions such as IWAR signatures & consent for no testing

-Shifting federal requirements—looking into the future; focus is positive outcomes for students with disabilities  
ND DPI: Lacey Long & Maggie Williams

-Transition Coordinator: Tina Oatis, work agreement  
ND DPI: Jenifer Updike

-ND DPI recommendation to ensure IEP accommodations are being met that they are included in reg Ed teacher lesson plans

-Peaceful Approach Navigating Challenging Behaviors: live, interactive training series for early childhood professionals and community members: 1 hour in length 7-8 pm, Thursday evenings over 6 months (Zoom)—credit available

Zoom link: <https://mayvillestate.zoom.us/j/89985268740>

Registration link: <https://buytickets.at/dhhs/1774461>

Training Titles:

-September 11th: Foundation of a Peaceful Approach to Navigating Challenging Behaviors

-October 9th: Building Trust Connection

-November 6th: Proactive Behavior Guidance

-December 4th: Structure and Predictability: Setting Clear Expectations & Boundaries

-January 15th: Teaching Social Skills

-February 12th: Collaborative Support Systems

-Paraprofessional Training Project: course examples: Behavior Strategies, Connecting with Newcomers, Fading Adult Assistance (good for early outs or snow days)

-Reimbursement Application Form—per district/one rep will submit for reimbursement on the behalf of all paras. \$20 a course, max 3 courses. Deadline to submit is May 29th

-Child Count December 1st

-Medicaid

-GoalBook training for new case managers in Jamestown 10/21/2025.

**Board President report:**

**III. OTHER**

Policy Committee schedule 9/30/2025

**IV. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION**

Destruction of records: IEP Student information (letters were sent 8/12/25  
for destruction 9/17/25)

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Board Meeting date: September 15th, 2025