



EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Finance Committee meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held on 5.12.2026.

Members Present: Jenna Helseth- Carrington, Laura Hager-New Rockford-Sheyenne, Ashly Wolsky-Director, Melanie Quinton-Business Manager

ZOOM: Lindsay Widicker-Fessenden-Bowdon

Absent: Chris Triggs-Pingree-Buchanan

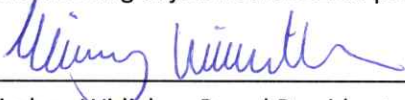
Meeting called to order at 10:14am

Discussion held:

- Medicaid funds were discussed. No Medicaid match came off the district schools for the 2025-26 school year thus far, only off East Central student contract reimbursement. Medicaid income is roughly \$100,000 less than last year at this time. There were 1000 less claims. Speech Medicaid income was also discussed. This flow has affected the amount of Behavioral Health funds we will receive. The initial number was \$22,771.36 which is \$41,569.16 less than 2025-26 which was \$64,340.52. Final numbers for BH will come out in July/August.
- Dental plans were presented side by side of the 2 plans for teachers and paraprofessionals. We cannot move paras over to the teachers plan without paying 50% of the premium. Dental plans will remain as is.
- Paraprofessionals that do not work full 35 hours on a consistent basis and part time paras were discussed. A non-certified staff policy will be created to help encourage staff to not take time off without pay.
- A new policy C-430 will be created for certified teacher substitutes with the district paying them. This excludes transition and preschool.
- Student contracts bills that come in from other units with students who open enrolled into a different unit. Districts will pay the bills they receive from other units on their students. Admin fees were discussed, recommendation to leave as it.

The next committee meeting date: TBD

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm



Lindsay Widicker, Board President



Melanie Quinton, Business Manager