



EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 24th, 2026

The board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held on 6.24.26.

Members Present:

- Lindsay Widicker, Fessenden-Bowdon-President
- Janelle Helm-Carrington-Vice President
- Natalie Becker-New Rockford-Sheyenne
- Matt Lokemoen-Kensal
- Kristi Halvorson-Midkota- arrived at 10:06 Missed one vote
- Laura Hager-New Rockford-Sheyenne

Members Present on Zoom:

- Jordan Brown-Oberon
- Jenna Helseth-Carrington

Members Absent:

- Chris Triggs-Pingree-Buchanan

Others Present:

- Ashly Wolsky, East Central Director
- Melanie Quinton, East Central Business Manager
- Megan Thompson, East Central Teacher Representative

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Board President Lindsay Widicker, and a quorum was established.

Additions or Changes to the agenda: None

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve May 18th, 2026, board minutes. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye

The motion passed (7-0).

A motion was made by Laura Hager and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the June 2026 financial report as presented. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Janelle Helm and seconded by Kristi Halvorson to approve the June bills presented, including payroll. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Laura Hager-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

Directors Report:

Staffing 2026-27 school year was discussed.

Indicators: 7, 11, 12, and 14 were discussed with all Indicators being submitted for the 2025-26 school year.

IDEA B grant for the 2025-26 has been completed. The application for the 2026-27 school year was submitted for a total of \$451,759.00 with an increase of \$5,315.60 from 2025-26. IDEA B Preschool grant application was also submitted for the 2025-26 school year for a total of \$16,255.00 with an increase of \$545.19 from 2025-26.

PMHCA Community Grant Opportunity, funds not received 5/20/26. Rural Health Transformation Program Grant for Mental Health & Suicide Prevention submitted in the amount of \$160,000 on 5/28/26.

Trainings:

-GoalBook Training is August 11 via Zoom or in Oliver/Mercer for a case manager refresher course

Safety Care Training was completed 5/26/26 & 5/27/26 for unit wide staff, with another class being offered 8/5/26 for new staff and those not able to attend in May. Director Wolsky noted if districts are in need Safety Care training to contact Megan Thompson (at cost to district).

Upcoming Infinite Campus training, all staff need to be connected to a school district to receive training through district, IT director.

ESY has been staffed & services started the beginning of June.

Transition Services are also being provided throughout the summer through Pre-ETS.

Director Wolsky will attend the Summer Institute in Bismarck on 8/8/26, and Study Council Meeting on 8/9/26 to follow.

Vocational Rehabilitation was discussed. The new director: Darrel Hannum, dhannum@nd.gov and Pre-ETS Administrator, Desiree Johnson, johnsondesiree@nd.gov. New Voc Rehab handouts are being created to share with teams. It is recommendation for IEP teams to invite Voc Rehab staff to IEP meetings, put them on the agenda and ask for their data.

Parental Handbooks are going to a one-page summary document with a link to full information, this will decrease printing costs by roughly \$30,000.

Other:

2026-27 Draft budget was presented and discussed.

Possible Discretionary Grant funding for the 2026-27 for \$5,000, compared to \$10,000 in the past.

NDDPI/ESPB merging SLPP and SLPA, new licensure as a “generalist” from a discussion with NDDPI.

ND DPI: Applied Topics course codes can only be used for students that are alternatively assessed; students need to be with a certified teacher. The department will be monitoring all IEPs.

ND DPI announced an ‘additional \$144 million’ nationally, but the state had already received those monies.

Fob system was installed on the back door on 6/15/26, this was preapproved by the board, the cost was \$2,589.46. Director Wolsky discussed the empty backroom at East Central and creating a Transition room for our students and hosting BOB events.

The 25-26 Reconciliation of direct costs (True-up) was completed. Bills were sent to Districts and checks reimbursing Districts are in June accounts payable.

Medicaid Match was discussed. No Medicaid Match came off the districts this year, it all came off East Central. The final bill due to ND DPI was \$12,533.52 for a total of \$28,148.92 paid by EC for 25-26.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Jenna Helseth and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the second and final reading of new Policy C-430. This policy moves pay of substitutes for contracted staff to the districts. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve the evaluation of Melanie Quinton for the 2025-26 school year. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Matt Lokemoen and seconded by Janelle Helm to approve Kelly Rosenau's ESY Contract, which was previously approved via email. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Kristi Halvorson to approve the release of Roslynn Mozelle from her 2026-27 contract. Discussion was held on the payment of liquidated damages. The policy states the board has the right to enforce the payment. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Laura Hager and seconded by Natalie Becker to approve the enforcement of policy in C-260 for Rosie Mozelle in the amount of \$500. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-No
- Matt Lokemoen-No
- Jordan Brown-Aye

The motion passed (6-2).

A motion was made by Janelle Helm and seconded by Natalie Becker to approve the release of Megan Thompson from her 2026-27 contract. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-Aye
- Matt Lokemoen-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye

The motion passed (8-0).

A motion was made by Laura Hager and seconded by Natalie Becker to approve the enforcement of policy in C-260 for Megan Thompson in the amount of \$500. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Janelle Helm-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye

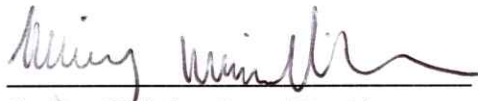
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Kristi Halvorson-No
- Matt Lokemoen-No
- Jordan Brown-Aye

The motion passed (6-2).

Next board meeting date: August 4th, 2026 and August 27th at 10:00am

Next Finance Committee will reconvene in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



Lindsay Widicker, Board President



Melanie Quinton, Business Manager

8-4-26

Date Approved