



EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 4th, 2026

The board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held on 8.4.26.

Members Present Roll Call:

- Lindsay Widicker, Fessenden-Bowdon-President-Present
- Natalie Becker-New Rockford-Sheyenne -Present
- Laura Hager-New Rockford-Sheyenne- Present
- Jenna Helseth-Carrington -Present

Members Present on Zoom:

- Jordan Brown-Oberon -Present

Members Absent:

- Janelle Helm-Carrington-Vice Presiden -Absent
- Matt Lokemoen-Kensal -Absent
- Kristi Halvorson-Midkota -Absent
- Board Member- Pingree-Buchanan -Absent

Others Present:

- Ashly Wolsky, East Central Director
- Melanie Quinton, East Central Business Manager
- Mariah Weber, 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: Approval of Kasey Eversvik Contract

A motion was made by Jenna Helseth and seconded by Natalie Becker to approve June 24th, 2026, board minutes. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye

The motion passed (5-0).

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

- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye

The motion passed (5-0).

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Jenna Helseth to approve the July bills, previously approved via email, including payroll. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Laura Hager-Aye
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye

The motion passed (5-0).

Directors Report:

Staffing for 2026-27 was discussed, with 14 resignations Director Wolsky and Admin staff are working hard to fill positions. Transition Coordinator and Carrington Jr.High/HS teacher will be a shared 50/50 role.

Grants were discussed, no word on approval of the Mental Health & Suicide Prevention grant that was submitted for \$160,000. School Psychologist was discussed as it was one portion of the grant application. Discretionary Grant was cut to \$5000 from \$10,000 in previous years. Behavioral Health Grant application, funds are still planned to go towards School Psychologist.

Trainings upcoming: GoalBook on August 11th virtually and Safety Care on August 5th at East Central. Director Wolsky encouraged East Central staff to attend district Professional Development.

Infinite Campus was discussed, Director Wolsky reminding Board Members that East Central staff need to be entered under their schools. It appears only 1 year of IEPS have transferred over and staffing do not have access yet.

Director Wolsky is attending Fall Leadership September 15-17 in Bismarck.

Other:

2026-27 Draft budget was presented and discussed.

Teacher Dental rates were presented; there is a slight decrease of a few cents to the plans.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Laura Hager to approve first reading of Policy C-261- Request for Release from contract/resignations when unit has paid for tuition/schooling. This policy sets in payback amounts for funds invested in staff and requires a 3-year commitment to East Central. no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye

The motion passed (5-0).

A motion was made by Natalie Becker and seconded by Laura Hager to approve the first and final reading of Policy C-431.2. This change moves regular scheduled meeting dates to the third Tuesday of the month, for the first and final reading citing policy BDA. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

- Jordan Brown-Aye

- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye

The motion passed (5-0).

A motion was made by Jenna Helseth and seconded by Natalie Becker to approve the amended contract for Kasey Eversvik, 50% Transition Coordinator and 50% Jr. High/HS in Carrington. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was held:

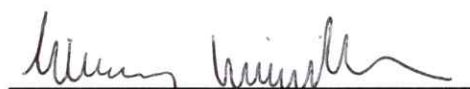
- Jordan Brown-Aye
- Lindsay Widicker-Aye
- Jenna Helseth-Aye
- Natalie Becker-Aye
- Laura Hager-Aye

The motion passed (5-0).

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

Next Finance Committee: TBD

The meeting adjourned at 11:27am.


Lindsay Widicker, Board President


Melanie Quinton, Business Manager

8-27-26
Date Approved