

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 21, 2021

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held on April 21, 2021 at 10:00 am at the East Central building.

Members Present: Jill Louters, Kris Kuehn, Jenna Helseth, Matt Lokemoen, Robert Toso, D'Aulan Bussman, Jordan Brown (via Zoom), Avolt Baumbach

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Helseth.

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky, Director; Susette Allmaras, Business Manager; Allison Haley, ECEA Representative

Additions to Agenda: None.

Minutes: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the minutes of the March 17, March 25 and April 7, 2021 board meetings as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Monthly Bills: Reviewed financial report and monthly bills. A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Baumbach, to approve the financials. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Bussman, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Staff Evaluations: Wolsky reported that all of the teacher evaluations have been completed and the case managers will complete the paraprofessional evaluations which are due April 30.

ESSER Grant: East Central received a \$11,500 ESSER fund grant which will be used for trauma and mental health training during the 2021-22 school year. Additional ESSER funds were requested for summer school to service students who are on an IEP but do not qualify for ESY.

Brooks Harper Event: Brooks Harper, Career Development Expert, will be speaking to the East Central students on April 27 at the Carrington School.

Technology Request: Wolsky requested having a school(s) be responsible for the technology needs of the East Central business manager, preschool teacher and transition coordinator. East Central currently receives this service from Byte Speed, Moorhead, MN. The computers are reaching end of life and new ones will need to be purchased likely within the next year. This request was tabled until the next meeting.

Board President Report:

Preliminary 2021-22 Budget: The preliminary budget was presented. No action was taken at this meeting.

Policy Committee: Wolsky reported that a policy committee member is needed to replace Ms. Bussman as she is leaving her position at Fessenden-Bowdon School at the end of this school year.

Best of Buddies (B.O.B) Donations: The following donations have recently been received for the B.O.B program: \$1,000 from NR Lions Club, \$500 from Carrington Lions Club ad \$1,000 from the New Rockford Eagles.

Items Recommended for Board Action:

Policy BDA Procedures for Adopting Board Policy: A motion was made by Louters, seconded by Toso to approve the second and final reading of Policy BDA Procedures for Adopting Board Policy. Motion carried.

Policy ABBE Displays of Religious Objects or Documents: A motion was made by Baumbach, seconded by Lokemoen, to approve the second and final reading of Policy ABBE Displays of Religious Objects or Documents. Motion carried.

Policy BDAB Savings Clause: A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Bussman to approve the first reading of Policy BDAB Savings Clause. Motion carried.

Policy ABDA Accessibility Policy: A motion was made by Toso, seconded by Kuehn, to approve the first reading of Policy ABDA: Accessibility Policy. Motion carried.

Policy BDD Compensation and Expenses for Board Members: A motion was made by Kuehn, seconded by Toso, to approve the first reading of Policy BDD Compensation and Expenses for Board Members. Motion carried.

At 10:40 am a motion was made by Toso and seconded by Bussman to move the meeting to executive session according to NDCC 44-04-19.1(9) to discuss negotiation strategy for the 2021-22 certified staff. Motion carried. The following were in attendance: Kuehn, Baumbach, Louters , Toso, Lokemoen, Bussman, Brown, Helseth, Wolsky and Allmaras. The executive session was adjourned by 11:06 am.

The next regular board meeting will be held May 19, 2021 at 10:00 am at the East Central office. With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Jenna Helseth, Board President

Susette R. Allmaras, Business Manager

Date approved