

EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

08-30-22

The regular board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 08-30-22.

Members Present: Jenna Helseth, Kent Dennis, Jordan Brown, Natalie Becker, Alyson Myhre, Amber Krapp(Phone), Janelle Helm, Matt Lokemoen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00pm a.m. by Chairperson Helseth and a quorum was established.

Additions/Change to Agenda: No election of officers. The annual report is not ready to be approved by board, so will not be discussed at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Natalie Becker, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 Board Meeting. Jenna Helseth noted one correction be made, changing Janell Helm listed in error as Janell Helseth. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Monthly Bills: None to review this meeting.

Bills Payable: Bills payable were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Janell Helm, seconded by Kent Dennis, to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS TO BOARD

Directors Report

Caseload and Schedules: These will be available to District Administration via Google Doc. The link will be updated as schedules change.

Staffing Updates for the 2022-23 School Year: 2 PT Paraprofessionals are needed in Carrington 3 days a week and SLP needed for 1 day in New Rockford-Sheyenne, 2 days in Oberon and 1 day in Pingree-Buchanan. Monitoring of student needs in Jr. High/High School continues to determine if additional support is needed.

Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Training: ECCEC staff attended CPI training on August 15, 2022. It has been recommended by Tara Hanson, CPI Instructor, that all Districts have CPI Training.

Show me the Data August 16th. Certified staff attended. This was a very successful training that showed data collection starting with the basics and followed through the data collection process. Recommended resources have been ordered. Other requests are coming in for technology such as Ipads.

- There will be a Data Day follow up training in January to check in with staff to see how it's going and look at the data that has been collected to date.

DPI Monthly Meeting: Director Wolsky attended the meeting. The focus was TieNet updates and beginning of the year expectations.

Fall Leadership August 31, 2022: Director Wolsky will attend this meeting in Bismarck on 8/31/22.

ARP Funds: Requested curriculum under the ARP Grant has been ordered, received and disbursed to the respective requestees.

Autism Paraprofessional Training: This is a 4-hour course presented by Amy Jacobson, Special Education Gurus. It is a module that will be required by Paraprofessionals. Staff has one year to complete but are being encourage to complete right away. The cost to the Unit is \$35 per para.

Crash Course for Special Ed Teachers: This course will benefit Case Managers that need a refresher and our new teachers and Resident teachers. This is a 15- hour course also presented by Amy Jacobson, Special Education Guru's. The cost to the Unit is \$165 per teacher.

TieNet Training 8/25/22: This was a 1- hour training through DPI for new teachers.

Board President Report: none

OTHER BUSINESS

Mediation with New Rockford-Sheyenne School: New Rockford-Sheyenne Board is not interested in moving forward with mediation per Alyson Myhre. An email reply received from New Rockford-Sheyenne Board President was discussed. According to Mr. Jacobson, he is not clear on what the mediation would be about or why. It was discussed that this idea had been suggested by NR-S at the mediation with Judge Klein, which is why we keep discussing it. At this point we will not move forward with this mediation unless we hear different from the NR-S Board.

East Central Board and District Boards "meet and greet": This is scheduled for October 5, 2022 at 4pm. This was an item identified in the Strategic Plan. The event will be posted, and minutes will be taken. There will be a social time followed by a presentation.

Policy C405: This policy was requested to be reviewed by Board member Becker. She also wanted to know what the expectations are pertaining to letting Director know about trainings in the District that ECCEC staff are invited to attend or are required to attend. Other District's email the Director letting her know that there is a training that they are making available to ECCEC Staff. In the issue being discussed, it was noted that the teacher that attended training at the request of NR-S, was asking to be released from her contract for the 2022-23 school year at the August 9 meeting. In the future the Director will be emailed by the Districts regarding training that they would like ECCEC staff to attend.

SLPA/SLPP Salary Schedule: Director Wolsky interviewed a very qualified SLPA. When offered the position based on past SLPA wage history of \$20, the job was turned down. Director Wolsky noted that we do not have a wage scale for SLPP's or SLPA's to give these positions proper credit for years of experience. Director Wolsky presented SLPP/SLPA notes summarizing our current practice and comparing what other Unit's do and these notes are included in the minutes. After much discussion, it was decided that Director Wolsky would provide the effected Districts a cost analysis analyzing costs based on having Presence Learning versus an SLPA on staff. If on staff is more cost-effective Director Wolsky will contact Ms. Dreher to negotiate wage and offer her Single Health Insurance prorated, plus PERS and PTO prorated based on the hours that she will work. If hired, this SLPA will work in Oberon 2-days and NR-S 1-day. Attached to these minutes is a pay schedule for ECCEC to use in the future for these positions.

ITEMS Recommended for Board Action

2022-23 School Year Budget: 3 versions of the Budget were presented with mil levels at 2.25, 2.50 and 2.75. There was much discussion regarding the mils to be used for the final budget. Kent Dennis moved, seconded by Jordan Brown that mils remain at 2.75 for the Final Budget. Discussion included building the fund balance to become solvent so that we can offer benefits to our paras.

Roll Call Vote on the Final Budget at mils of 2.75 results were as follows:

Kent Dennis:	Yes
Jordan Brown:	Yes
Matthew Lokemoen:	No
Alyson Myhre:	No
Natalie Becker	No
Janell Helm	Yes
Amber Krapp	Yes

Motion carried with a vote of 4 to 3.

Approval of 2022-23 Amended Teaching Contract for Lori Deal: An amended teaching contract was presented for Lori Deal at Step 3, Lane 2 at a salary of \$41,210.00. The previous contract did not reflect years of experience. Kent Dennis made the motion to approve the contract, seconded by Matthew Lokemoen. Motion carried.

Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:07pm.

Next Meeting date: September 21, 2022 at 10:00am.

Jenna Helseth, Board President

Renae Duchscherer, Business Manager

Date approved