



EAST CENTRAL CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

MINUTES OF MEETING

9.20.23

The board meeting of East Central Center for Exceptional Children was held 9.20.23

Members Present: Jenna Helseth- Carrington Board President, Kent Dennis- Fessenden, Matt Lokemoen- Kensal, Natalie Becker- New Rockford-Sheyenne, Amber Krapp- Pingree-Buchanan, Jordon Brown-Oberon, Alyson Myhre- New Rockford

Zoom:

Absent: Janelle Helm- Carrington

Others Present: Ashly Wolsky- East Central Director, Melanie Quinton- East Central Business Manager, Leah Thoms, Teacher representative

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Board President Mrs. Helseth and a quorum was established.

Additions/Change to Agenda:

Minutes: A motion was made by Natalie Becker, seconded by Amber Krapp to approve the minutes of the August 10th, 2023, Board Meeting. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Financial Report and Monthly Bills: The Financial Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Kent Dennis, seconded by Amber Krapp to approve the August 2023 Financial Report as presented. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Bills Payable: Bills payable were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Amber Krapp, seconded by Matt Lokemoen to approve the July and August 2023 bills payable. No further discussion motion carried.

Directors Report

Staffing:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z8iY9J7aRScPnx3ycav5mHruiGwhc9yyh2IFAh9vcZM/edit?usp=sharing>

Positions to fill:

- NRS: Special ed teacher (HS)
- SLP part-time NRS & Oberon- presence Learning
- Carrington: Special ed para (bus rider to ACC)

• Successfully filled paraprofessional positions with the increase in wage and addition of health benefits, thank you!

- **Safety Care Training** completed for all staff in August, make up day in January (MLK), credit option available. Thank you to our trainers, Rosie & Megan for the great training sessions.
- **UFLI Reading Training**
 - January 15th MLK, PD Day
 - Certified staff only
 - Location: East Central
 - Credit option available
- **Additional paraprofessional training**

SEEC: Paraeducator Online Training is available as a school-wide program with this NO COST opportunity. Paraeducators and tutors will have access to 150+ self-paced modules covering general education and special education environments. Learning modules typically ranges from 45-60 minutes in length, can be accessed using any platform day or night, and can be personalized to fit each individual within your system. Administrators, simply complete this [form](#) to enroll your school district today (\$35/person value).

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- Director to attended Fall Leadership in Bismarck, September 18 & 19. Ashly noted that they focused on dropout rates, ,teacher retention and teacher recruitment.
 - President of the Study Council President for 2023-24
- Director attending weekly NDCEL chats when possible.
- Director attending monthly State Director's call, starting in October due to Fall Leadership.
- Director to attend monthly Regional Director's meeting.
- Medicaid Claims
 - 2021-22: \$61,085.97
 - 2022-23: \$140,164.07
 - Concerns with claims from ACC impacting reimbursements, hoping the concerns are remedied

- CIE Grant: submitted on 9/12 for \$10,000
- CIE: Competitive Integrated Employment
 - Transition Assessments/Curriculum
 - Transition Portfolios
 - Workforce Readiness supplies, training, coaching, transportation, etc.
 - Job Service Trips
 - BOB T-shirts
- Behavioral Health Grant 2023-24:
 - Carrington: \$14,625.17 (district/Unit)
 - FB: \$11,115.22 (Unit)
 - Kensal: \$86.68 (Unit)
 - NRS: \$18,441.56 (district)
 - Oberon: \$227.54
 - PB: \$283.87 (Unit)
- Additional grant funding coming to ND for behavioral health
 - Zones of Regulation:
 - Schoolwide implementation
 - Zones of Regulation app
 - Data collection tool
 - Fidelity check
 - Home Resources
 - Zones of Regulation adapting the Zones for ages 4-6 and Teens
 - Updated Visuals
 - Lanyards Zones Check-ins
 - Additional activities
 - Blog/additional resources to supplement lesson
 - Zones Board game to purchase
 - <https://zonesofregulation.com/resources/>
 - Exploring additional Social Emotional curriculum

Board President report:

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- Audit Week of October 9th, 2023
- Adaptive equipment for recess (sled)---thank you to NRS Rocket Boosters

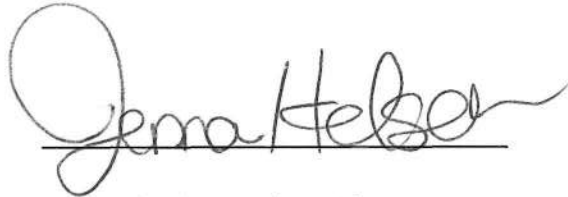
ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

- LEA Financial Report to the State: motion was made by Kent Kennis, seconded by Amber Krapp to approve the Financial Report. No further discussion motion carried.

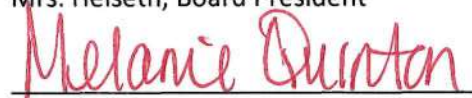
ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 17th, 10:00am


Meeting adjourned at 10:27am

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jema Helseth", written over a horizontal line.

Mrs. Helseth, Board President

A handwritten signature in red ink, reading "Melanie Quinton", written over a horizontal line.

Melanie Quinton, Business Manager

A handwritten date "10-17-23" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date approved