

East Central Center for Exceptional Children

A Special Education Cooperative Serving the School Districts of Carrington, Kensal, Fessenden-Bowdon, New Rockford-Sheyenne, Oberon, Pingree-Buchanan

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Ashly Wolsky, Director*

DATE: Monday, April 11th, 2022
TO: East Central Board Members
FROM: Ashly Wolsky, Director
RE: Board Meeting
WHEN: Tuesday, April 19th, 2022
TIME: 10 a.m.
WHERE: East Central Center for Exceptional Children

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Establish quorum
- Welcome
- Additions to Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Financial Reports and Bills---the following items are in your board packets and are submitted for Board approval

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting on March 11th and Policy Committee Meeting on March 29th.

- a. Information: a copy of Regular Board Meeting minutes and Policy Committee Meeting minutes from March 11th and March 29th are provided.
- b. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from March 11th be approved as presented.
- c. Recommendation: I recommend the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting from March 29th be approved as presented.

2. Review of Financial Reports

- a. Information: A list of expenditures is provided.

Recommendation: I recommend the financial report be approved as presented.

3. Approval of Bills Payable

a. Information: A list of bills is provided

Recommendation: I recommend the bills be paid as presented.

II. REPORTS TO BOARD

Director's report:

- Behavioral Health Grant approved for the Unit:
 - Fessenden-Bowdon (\$8,810)
 - Pingree-Buchanan (\$1,667.49)
 - Kensal (\$336.74)

 - Total of \$10,814.59

The proposal consisted of yoga sessions, sensory room/supplies, and monthly Social Emotional Learning (SEL) presentations for the Unit.

- Submitted Voc Rehab Grant for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$46,704
- Teacher evaluations, Business Manager evaluation, and Transition Coordinator evaluations completed.

STAFFING UPDATES:

- UND Resident Teachers for the 2022-23 school year:
 - Rosie Mozelle, Carrington Public Schools
 - Lindsay Widicker, Fessenden-Bowdon Public Schools
- Welcome back to Lori Deal, Fessenden-Bowdon case manager for the 2022-23 school year
- Kira Whitmore, case manager in Oberon, will continue to serve vision impairments in Carrington and will case manager in Kensal for the 2022-23 school year while she completes her Master's Programs in Vision and Deaf Ed
- Welcome to McKenzie Jenson, paraprofessional at NRS
- Positions to fill: Carrington Elementary and Middle School, NRS high school, Oberon Public Schools, Fessenden-Bowdon and Pingree-Buchanan SLP

- Director has reached out to the following colleges to recruit special education teachers, in addition to advertising locally, at the state level, and nationally:
 - Minot State University, Dr. Evan Dean Borisinkoff
 - VCSU, Dr. Alan Olson
 - University of Mary, Jaylia Prussing
 - University of Mary: Dr. Robyn Zeltinger, SLP
 - University of North Dakota (RT program): Amy Jacobson
 - MSUM: Marci Glessner
 - Northern State: Cheryl Wold

*If positions remain unfilled, they will be filled by long-term subs and Resident Teachers while contracting case management

- ***Save the Date: Visual Phonics Training***
June 7th & 8th (25 spots available)—if you have general education staff interested, please email name (no cost, Unit is using ARP funds)
- Cafeteria credit is being offered to teachers and staff for the following classes: Trauma Training, Book Study: Fostering Resilient Learners, and Visual Phonics
- Upcoming Meetings to explore paraprofessional benefits and Employee Assistance Program (EAP):
 - NDPHIT 4/13
 - Village EAP 4/20
- Director to attend State Director meeting on 4/13 at 1 p.m. via Zoom
- Upcoming Director's Meeting in Bismarck, June 6 & 7
- ND Safety Council (NDSC) Online Course originally scheduled on 4/7 rescheduled due to poor road conditions to 6/21 via Zoom

Board President report:

III. OTHER

- Mediation with NRS scheduled for Friday, May 6th, 2022, in Fargo
 - Jenna Helseth, Board President
 - Bob Toso, Vice President
 - Ashly Wolsky, Director
 - Renae Duchscherer, Business Manager
 - Susette Allmaras, past Business Manager*

IV. ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

- Director contract for the 2022-23 school year
- Business Manager work agreement for the 2022-23 school year

- Lori Richter resignation (attachment to view)

- Paraprofessional wage increase
- Paraprofessional benefits

- Social Worker

- Policy BA-BR1 School Board Ethics Regulation (2nd reading)
- Policy BA School Board Ethics (2nd reading)
- Policy ACF Whistle Blower Protection Policy (2nd reading)
- Policy HEBC Fraud Prevention and Investigation (2nd reading)
- Policy HEBD Audits (2nd reading)

- Removing policy 490 which was replaced by BDA (adopted 4/21/21)
- Removing policy B600 which was replaced with HEBC (pending passing of 2nd reading)

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board Meeting date: May 18th, 2022, at 10 a.m. East Central,
Policy Meeting to follow