

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIPLEY-  
OHIO-DEARBORN SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

March 19, 2013

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman Dearborn, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Steve Patz-Rising Sun, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Tom Reale-Milan, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board did not meet in executive session as there was no business to be discussed.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reale at 9:05 a.m.

Dr. Reale asked Ms. Corning about evaluation tools for the director and assistant director position. Ms. Corning feels that SLO's need to be eliminated from the rubric because our staff doesn't work directly with students. This will be replaced with goals to include non-public schools and general communication. The deduction needs to be changed to "1" or "0" instead of ".2". The final grade will be used to determine a pay increase. The split will be 75% rubric and 25% goals. It would be helpful to have a binder so that all information is in one place. It was asked of Ms. Corning to present goals for next year by the June meeting. Discussion followed regarding other areas of change. A final document will be presented at the next meeting.

The minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Mehrle to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. A request for reimbursement for federal fund costs was sent to DOE on February 14 for approximately \$1.9 million. This is for costs incurred through December. Ms. Corning informed the board that we still don't know how the sequester will effect us.

Claims 115673-115757 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle and seconded by Mr. Galey to approve the claims as presented. Discussion followed. At the last board meeting a bill was presented by Sunman-Dearborn for \$89,310.47 for TRF/PERF payments that had been made after the split and was approved for payment. In going through our files, that bill had been paid in August to Sunman-Dearborn so no further payment was necessary. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning told the board that she has interviewed people for the school psychologist position, assistant director position, and speech/language therapist. She hopes to have recommendations at the next meeting.

The preschool report was presented. There were no issues to be discussed.

Ms. Corning presented information on the day treatment program. She recommends that Article 7 be followed as to a continuum of services. This means that students need to be in a self contained classroom in the home school building before moving to a very restrictive setting. The costs for such a program would be over \$200,000. This does not include transportation which is the local corporation's responsibility. Ms. Corning will bring a final recommendation to the next board meeting.

In working on NEOLA policies, there is a question as to severance pay for non-certified employees. Nothing was set up for this when we separated from Sunman-Dearborn. The Sunman-Dearborn policy was a dollar amount for unused sick days. Discussion followed about a possible annuity for unused sick time. Dr. Reale will work on this and present at the next meeting.

Ms. Corning and Mr. Galey have been in contact with DOE in regards to out of state students who reside at Southern Pines. Currently, there is the issue of whether we would receive any funding for these students. We are required to serve these students.

Ms. Corning presented some possible changes for classes for next year. Sunman-Dearborn will probably need to eliminate a severe disabilities class at the Intermediate School due to declining enrollment. Milan would not need a severe disabilities class at the middle school.

Other items presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. OCR information regarding Medicaid.
2. Bullying Policy
3. Information regarding students who have a 504 Plan being given equal opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities.
4. Compliant IEP's
5. Personnel Performance Checklist.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle and seconded by Dr. Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.