

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

May 21, 2013

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 21, 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 met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1(b)(1) & (b)(2)(A). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reale at 9:35 a.m.

Public Comments - Dr. Reale recognized Deysi Oehlman, Sunman-Dearborn Intermediate School teacher of Severe Disabilities,. Ms. Oehlman asked the Board to reconsider closing the program as it benefits so many students, special education and general education students. She feels that it is a very positive, successful program and feels that closing it would be detrimental. Samantha Bishop, a parent of a student in the room, also asked the Board to reconsider closing the program. She does not feel that her child is ready to move to the middle school. Dr. Reale said that the Board would consider the issue at the next meeting.

The minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. We have received \$612,985.79 in reimbursement from DOE for expenses incurred from January through April. This federal grant, 5240.12 is now finished and the final report will be made to DOE.

Claims 115827-115909 were presented for payment. Dr. Hendrix made a motion to approve the claims for payment. Dr. Phillippe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The following personnel recommendations were made by Ms. Corning:

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| Shirley Lemon | Letter of Retirement presented |
| Karen Gates | Letter of Retirement presented |

A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to accept these resignations. Dr. Merhle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Corning presented the revised job descriptions. A motion to approve the job descriptions was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Mehrle. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. There will be a need to have an interpreter to work with two students next school year. The position will be split between Jac-Cen-Del and South Dearborn preschool program. We have a person on staff who will fill this position.

Ms. Corning asked that the Board approve a calendar for 2013-2014 similar to the one used this

year. Staff would work 185 days, with July 30th being the first day and the last day would be the last day that any corporation is in session. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Patz to approve this calendar. Motion carried.

Other items presented included:

1. We will be getting a professional development grant from DOE. How do you want to utilize this money? We could provide group training in Aimsweb, Lindamood Bell and teacher assistant training. We will entertain suggestions of how to use the money at the next meeting. Gather information from teachers and building administrators.
2. The Board will need to re-organize in June as there will be a change in the Milan superintendent.
3. The June meeting date is changed to June 11th.
4. There is a licensed occupational therapist that has inquired about a job with us. Ms. Corning would like to hire her at a salary of \$50,000, which is what she is currently making. Discussion followed. It is felt that the teacher contract needs to be changed before offering a job to this person in order to allow for flexibility.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.