

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

June 11, 2013

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Charlie Blake-Sunman Dearborn, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:50 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. Mehrle at 9:55 a.m.

The minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Phillippe to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. A request for reimbursement will be submitted to DOE before the end of the week for reimbursement for approximately \$1.1 million dollars for federal funds. These accounts will always be in arrears since we have to present expenses for reimbursement.

Claims 115910-115982 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve the claims. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We have had discussion at past meetings about not funding the severe disabilities class at Sunman-Dearborn Middle School due to only having one student in that class. Ms. Corning is recommending closing this program. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Galey to close the program. Motion carried with Sunman-Dearborn abstaining from the vote.

Ms. Corning presented the General Fund Budget, Capital Projects Budget and Transportation Budget. The General Fund Budget includes the funding for the non-public schools again. Also, it is important to note that the liability insurance could increase due to having a due process hearing currently in progress. We do use the September ADM count to calculate revenue. The Capital Projects and Transportation Budgets both have money in the cash balance so we did not need to generate as much money this year. Dr. Phillippe made a motion to approve the budgets as presented. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Ms. Corning informed the Board that we still do not have an answer from DOE as to if we will be able to count the students who are currently residing in the nursing home. If we can't count them but still need to serve them, this will create a great financial burden as no money will be coming in for them. Also, the current estimate of reduction in federal funds is about \$134,300. Motion carried.

The Board will need to be reorganized since Dr. Reale is no longer the superintendent at Milan. Since several members were not in attendance, a motion was made by Mr. Galey to table this until the next meeting. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. This reorganization was tabled.

Ms. Corning gave the personnel update. We have a letter of resignation from Melissa Duvall, School Psychologist. Ms. Corning recommended the employment of Meaghan Fledderman as an

educational consultant. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the personnel recommendations. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. Discussion followed regarding class size and programs.

Other items presented included:

1. ROD Lease Agreement from Sunman-Dearborn Schools - the amount for the 2013-2014 school year is \$53,369. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve entering into this agreement. Dr. Phillippe seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The cooperative will be receiving a new grant from DOE that is to be used for personnel development. Each corporation was to bring ideas as to what training they would like to have. Ms. Corning's ideas include, CPI, Aimsweb, Lindamood-Bell, Orton-Gillingham, Positive Behavior Supports, Unique Learning System-preschool, and secondary RTI training. Any other ideas would be welcomed.
3. The training dates for school administrators will be July 22nd and August 14th.
4. The speech therapists have asked to meet again this school year. A list of dates and topics to be discussed was distributed.
5. Ms. Corning had developed an Incident Report for staff to complete when there is an issue involving another staff member. This is due to the current complaint that we are involved in. Some revisions were needed so a new form will be presented at the next meeting.
6. Another issue that has come out of the complaint is that there is a great need for training regarding confidentiality for teacher assistants.
7. Ms. Corning presented a memo from Dana Long, DOE Special Education Attorney, addressing the issue of substitute teachers. According to the memo, substitute teachers should be appropriately licensed in the area of disability that they are serving if they will be serving in this position for more than a few days.

Pulic Comments - Steve Wagner wanted to remind the Board that when ROD staff are out for medical/personal reasons, no substitue is hired to fill in for that person.

A motion was made by Mr. Galey to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.