

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

January 21, 2020

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer - ROD. Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, and Branden Roeder – Rising Sun were absent.

The Board met in executive session from 9:10 – 9:35 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Karl Galey at 9:37 a.m.

The agenda was presented. Dr. Brewer asked for an item to be added under Information Items. Preschool Update was added. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The finance report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal reimbursement requests were distributed along with the final report for the FY 2019 611 grant and proportionate share for the FY 2019 grants. Proportionate share reports are not required for grants going forward as this information is collected with the reimbursement requests. The cash balance is higher than anticipated as two corporations paid their participating shares prior to December 31. A reminder that currently we are paying for all transfer positions out of the federal grant. When the federal grant money is expended, those expenses will come out of the local funds, thus reducing our cash balance fairly quickly. Dr. Brewer added that the non-public money will take a little longer to expend but that it will be expended by June 30, 2020. Claims 121526-121616 were presented for payment. A motion was made to approve the financial report by Dr. Jackson. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer presented three letters of retirement. All are eligible for the retirement incentive. Those submitting letters were: Lesa Stenger - 36 years of service to ROD; Werner Hallabrin – 16 years with ROD, and Faye Robinson – 6 years with ROD, 32 years total. Dr. Brewer thanked them for their service. He is sorry to see them go but happy that they will be able to enjoy retirement. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mrs. Rogers to accept the retirements. Mr. Galey congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their years of service. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer recommended to the Board the non-renewal of the assistant director position held by Brooke Levell. This position will be terminated at the end of the 2019-2020 school year due to restructuring. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the recommendation. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Mr. Galey thanked Ms. Levell for her service and reiterated that this has nothing to do with job performance but was due to the restructuring of the Cooperative. Motion carried.

Appointment of the Board of Finance – Dr. Brewer made a recommendation to appoint the entire ROD Board as the Board of Finance. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve this recommendation. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer distributed an updated IMAC staff pool list due to staff changes and errors in some of the email addresses.

Dr. Brewer had sent an email to each corporation about district results from RDA information from DOE. Some corporations fall under the “Need Universal Assistance” due to Indicator 11 – timely evaluations. DOE has a requirement of 100% compliant for initial evaluations. ROD will take the lead on the compliance reports. There are several meetings held by DOE to discuss this data and to help with compliance.

The preschool update was presented. South Dearborn’s preschool program is quite full. We will look at transitioning students who will be attending kindergarten a few days a week.

ROD Separation – Dr. Brewer reported that a meeting was held on January 14 with Batesville, Sunman-Dearborn and ROD administrators and association representatives. The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss transfer positions. He felt it was a productive, positive meeting, although not perfect, as transfer positions were identified. The process for voluntary transfers was identified. The deadline will be February 14th. Dr. Brewer will set up individual meetings to discuss the process and answer any questions. The separation agreement is near completion. Dr. Brewer would like to present the document for vote at the February board meeting. He is now working on identifying the non-certified positions. It appears that the COTA’s will be reduced. ROD office location – working with South Dearborn on the location and lease agreement. Decisions need to be made quickly as some construction will need to take place. He would like to present the lease agreement at the February meeting also.

Mr. Galey asked about the ROD officers for the current year. Discussion followed that they are two year positions. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to keep the ROD officers as is for the next year. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments – none

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the South Dearborn Superintendent’s office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.