

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

October 16, 2012

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Pam Taylor-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman-Dearborn, John Mehrle- South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Tom Reale-Milan, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Missy Jones-ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reale at 9:07 a.m.

The minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Mehrle to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Claims 115288-115368 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Hendrix to approve the claims for payment. Motion carried. The financial report was presented for review.

An item was added to the agenda by Dr. Reale. He presented a form for Employee Assault Leave. This would be used when an employee is assaulted by a student during the work day. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to approve the Employee Assault Leave form. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Agreement between the Board of Trustees of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative and the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Educators Association 2012-2013 was presented for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Mehrle to approve the agreement. Discussion followed regarding the inclusion of a salary schedule. Dr. Reale reported that this is only in use for the current year. Motion carried. Dr. Hendrix commended the working together of the association and Dr. Reale.

Personnel recommendations included: Nanette Iceberg, occupational therapy assistant to work one day per week currently and may increase with the addition of clients at Southern Pines facility. Janelle Rainey resigned as of October 12, 2012. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Moorhead to approve the hiring of Nanette Iceberg as an occupational therapy assistant. Motion carried. Dr. Phillippe made a motion to accept the resignation of Janelle Rainey. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A resolution to join the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF) was presented for approval. The resolution was required by PERF to enroll. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to approve the resolution. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried. A second resolution for the employer pick-up of the mandatory member contribution was presented. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Phillippe to approve the mandatory contribution resolution. Motion carried.

Batesville Primary school has requested an additional teacher of emotional disabilities to provide full day services due to a new student having been identified. Dr. Roberts explained that the need is great as the principal and guidance counselor are spending a large amount of time helping to manage the student. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix and seconded by Mr. Moorhead to approve the full time teacher. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

The health insurance board contribution needs to be set for the non-certified staff of occupational therapy assistants, teacher assistants, and technology coordinator. Discussion involved how much they are currently receiving as compensation from Sunman-Dearborn. Since these numbers were unavailable, Dr. Hendrix made a motion to table any action until these figures can be obtained. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Information was presented from Ameriprise Company. Ms. Corning would like to have them as another 403(b) vendor. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Phillippe to approve Ameriprise as another vendor. Discussion followed. It was determined that this is a discussible item with the association. The motion was then amended to table the motion until a discussion meeting can be held with the association. Dr. Hendrix felt that from a legal perspective it may be necessary to call a request for proposal so that the process is transparent to add Ameriprise.

The preschool update was presented. No concerns at this time.

Southern Pines Pediatric Clinic located in Lawrenceburg will soon start accepting clients from Ohio. There may be a need to hire additional staff to fulfill the educational needs of the school age population. Ms. Corning is asking at this time to be able to post for the positions of teachers, speech therapist, physical and occupational therapists. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to post for the anticipated vacancies at this time. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous items presented included:

1. Medicaid provider revalidation needs to be completed and returned within 90 days from the date of the revalidation notice.
2. NEOLA - Damon Peigh will be here November 1st to start the process of developing policies and procedures.
3. The Autism conference on September 18th was very well attended.
4. Ziggurat training was held on September 19th. Individuals from your districts who were trained will be instrumental in developing functional behavior assessments for students who are struggling.
5. IDOE Procedural monitoring - the corporations that were selected received satisfactory ratings in all categories.
6. Evaluation model - needs to be approved. A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe and seconded by Dr. Mehrle to approve an evaluation model that is developed by Ms. Corning and discussed with the association. Motion carried.

Public Comments - none at this time.

Dr. Hendrix discussed that he has had a request to provide training for staff regarding Fragile X. This training is currently being scheduled. It may be open to others in the cooperative if there is a need.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.