

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

December 22, 2015

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at the South Dearborn Administration office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham-Milan, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Jim Roberts-Batesville, Branden Roeder-Rising Sun, Tim Taylor-Jac-Cen-Del, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:05 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1. The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

Dr. Mehrle called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

The minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting were presented. One correction needed to be made to the minutes regarding the reimbursement for ROD positions. The motion by Mr. Galey should be to revise the policy and add that the schools will have flexibility to move any studentsA motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the minutes with the correction. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. Claims 118134-118214 were presented for payment. The federal grant reimbursement requests were also discussed. The FY15 611 grant and the FY14 TA grant have been fully expended. The final report will be presented at the next meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The resolution to transfer funds from the ROD general fund to the local corporations was presented with the changes that had been discussed at the last meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Galey and seconded by Mr. Roeder to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Information from the December 1 count was presented including funding information. A comparison of numbers per disability from last year was also given out. LRE information was discussed. Target for 2015-2016 is >70% of all special education students in regular class (code 50); <10.5% of special education students in full time placement (code 52); and <2.13% of students in more restrictive placements (codes 53, 54, 57). Ms. Corning will be meeting with individual superintendents to discuss their student placements.

Ms. Corning presented a budget for the non-public schools. This is new and is necessary since this money is to be spent on a calendar year basis. This had previously been in the general fund and will be pulled out of that budget. Ms. Corning made a recommendation to approve the budget and to bill the local districts for the amount that is generated by students who attend non-

public schools in that corporation. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the budget. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2016 Preschool budget was presented for approval. Ms. Corning explained that this budget includes speech/language therapists, preschool coordinator, preschool teachers and assistants, and also contracted preschools. Discussion followed. An error was discovered in the participating shares. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to table the approval. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Mehrle made a recommendation to increase the Director and Assistant Directors salary by 2% retroactive to July 1, 2015. Mr. Moorhead made a motion to increase the salary of the Director and Assistant Directors by 2%. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning informed the board that there will be 2 staff members out on leave starting in mid to late January. They will both return after spring break. Another staff member has requested FMLA and hopes to return the beginning of March.

The preschool report was presented. Discussion followed.

Discussion regarding reimbursement of ROD positions - Mr. Galey would like to consider that students on consultation be placed on the caseloads of MoMH and ED teachers. He checked with Matt Johnson who told him it would not impact disproportionality. Discussion followed. The Board requested a work session to look at classlists and to discuss the impact on teachers and assistants and how it could affect students.

Other information presented included:

1. Ms. Corning has set up a classroom visit to Seymour schools to see how their autism classroom is set up. This will be on January 14th at 9:00 a.m.
2. An inservice on UDL will be presented on February 24 & February 25 at Milan MS. This will be for superintendents and principals. Attendance is only necessary on one day.
3. Ms. Corning reminded superintendents that the new Ripley County Alternative to Suspension program should be staffed by a licensed special education teacher. If not, the special education students that attend there would still need to count as a day of suspension out of school.

There being no further business for the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to adjourn. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.