

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

May 17, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 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, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del, and Cheryl Corning - ROD.

Dr. Mehrle called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

The minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented for approval. The FY 2015 Federal Preschool budget revision was approved by DOE and the final reimbursement request was submitted. Mr. Roeder made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Corning informed the Board that we are still awaiting our exit conference from the recent audit.

Claims 118490-118555 including payroll vouchers were presented for payment. A motion was made to approve all claims by Mr. Moorhead. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Report – Alex Brewer made a recommendation to employ Brooke Levell as the new assistant director. She is coming from Switzerland County and is very experienced. She will start on July 1, 2016. Dr. Jackson made a motion to approve the hiring of Ms. Levell. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. The students transferring to Kindergarten have been removed from the lists. We will start the school year with the same programs that are currently in place. Discussion followed.

Ms. Corning presented a contract from Hands In Autism for the demonstration classrooms. The schools that she recommends putting the programs in are Milan Elementary and Aurora Elementary schools. The contract includes HANDS training for staff from these two schools and many other additional services. There will need to be some clerical changes to the contract, name and dates. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to enter into the contract with Hands In Autism. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Regarding school based preschool programs, Ms. Corning is recommending that students who are referred for special needs programs will be evaluated and a recommendation will be made regarding the student's needs and least restrictive environment. This will be done at a case conference. Those students who qualify for the developmental preschool will be served accordingly. Ms. Corning recommended that individual schools set parameters for students entering those programs. Students who are placed by their parents in school based programs should not need 1-1 assistance. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the recommended guidelines for the preschool programs. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The NEOLA and EDGAR policies were presented for the first reading.

Ms. Corning informed the Board that the contract for the bus to Indiana School for the Blind and Indiana School for the Deaf needed to be discussed. The current rate is \$790 per week, which includes two trips to Indianapolis. This rate also includes the assistant that is on the bus. Currently, Mike Hostettler has this route and has agreed to continue the route for one more year at the current rate. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to extend the contract with Mr. Hostettler for another year. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.