

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

August 18, 2015

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 18, 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, Tim Taylor-Jac-Cen-Del, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:06 a.m. until 9:35 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 9:40 a.m.

The minutes of the July 21, 2015 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims 117834-117879 were presented for payment. The financial report was also presented. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve the claims for payment and the financial report. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Information for the schools regarding what to add to their SEFA was presented. There are still questions about what/how adding this information will impact the local schools. Mr. Ketcham will coordinate a meeting between DOE and State Board of Accounts to obtain clarification.

Ms. Corning gave the personnel report. Meghan Fledderman submitted her letter of resignation. Those hired were Sara Swinney, COTA; Cristy Nuhring, Educational Consultant; Jo Sloan, Itinerant Teacher for Non-public Schools; Jennifer Steinkamp, Social Worker; and Charlotte Schutte, COTA. An occupational therapist will be starting sometime in September. A motion to approve the personnel hirings was made by Mr. Moorhead. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The state board of accounts had asked that we add language to our Interlocal Agreement about how the federal fund expenditures for the cooperative are allocated. Since we will be meeting with DOE and state board of accounts a motion to table adding language was made by Mr. Galey. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried to table adding new language to the Interlocal Agreement.

Ms. Corning reported on the 2014-2015 staff performances. Of the 22 staff members that were evaluated, 16 were highly effective, 4 were effective and 2 need improvement.

It is important that each corporation continue their Maintenance of Effort (MOE). Information was gathered as to what expenses each corporation use to meet their MOE. It was important to know who was using participating shares to meet the MOE. Discussion followed. Each corporation needs to let Ms. Corning know what expenses are used to calculate MOE.

Other information presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. There is a grant opportunity available through CMHC and FSSA for \$100,000 for student assistance services for drug/alcohol counseling, bullying, etc. It would be in collaboration with Systems of Care and would involve training staff to work with students.
2. Co-teaching inservice will be held August 20 and 21.
3. Hands In Autism - two training sessions will be held. Mild disabilities teachers will meet on September 14-16 at Aurora Elementary School. The severe disabilities teachers will meet September 28-30 at Moores Hill Elementary. More information will be sent to the teachers and principals.
4. The Indiana Resource Center for Autism will hold a parent information meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at Milan Elementary School.

The preschool report was presented. Discussion followed about specific situations and class sizes.

Mr. Moorhead asked a question as to what information is needed to be reported from the formative assessments/progress monitoring. Some programs don't drill down to the root of the problem. Ms. Corning commented that the assessment should be curriculum based measures and needs to be very individualized.

Mr. Moorhead also wanted to know what the ROD policy was on having case conferences audiotaped by parents. Ms. Corning said that ROD policy is that if the parent is audiotaping a conference that the school should also be audiotaping the conference.

Dr. Roberts shared that after the meeting there would be a presentation on a new Kids Discovery Factory that is in the process in Batesville.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.