

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

August 17, 2021

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the South Dearborn Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Kelli Keith – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers – Milan, Alex Brewer and Missy Jones - ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. to 9:18 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 by Karl Galey.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Moorhead. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Dr. Brewer would like to add Approval of TAG policy 3220.01 under Action items. Motion carried.

Consent Items -

The minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton and seconded by Mr. Moorhead to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. A federal reimbursement request was provided for the FY21 619 grant. This grant has now been spent. Final reports for the FY21 611 and 619 grants are included in the information provided. Proportionate share reports are also included. We haven't had to do these for a few years but they are now required again. Claims 122549-122589 along with payroll vouchers were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Middleton to approve the claims. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Personnel Report –

- Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of Michelle Roell, Occupational Therapist for 74 days. This will be to replace the COTA. She will mainly be working at Jac-Cen-Del schools.
- Dr. Brewer also recommended the hiring of Crystal Moon, full-time Occupational Therapist.
- A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the hiring. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Middleton to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy, 3220.01. There have been no changes to the policy. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items –

- Trina Schutte gave an update on the piloting of a new program for our Intense Academic Programs. TEACH Town provides programming that aligns with the content connectors required by DOE.
- Administrator Training – was held on August 13th. Information covered many areas including the responsibility of the Public Agency Representative.
- Medicaid Reimbursement – Dr. Brewer is helping with the yearly referrals. He will be meeting with the speech/language therapists this week to discuss billing procedures and the need to have a practice in place to keep their notes/records.
- A schedule is being developed to meet with teachers monthly to provide training and discuss issues as they arise. These sessions will be 30-40 minutes and will be virtual.
- New teacher training is Friday.
- We haven't heard anything about the ARPA money yet. The application is currently due September 15th.
- The staff pool list has been updated and is provided for those who claim through IMAC.
- The preschool update was provided. The JCD program is full. Rising Sun made the decision to keep their students instead of transporting them to South Dearborn. Other schools may want to start planning to for this option also.

Public Comments – none

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.