

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

September 12, 2014

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Friday, September 12, 2014 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Branden Roeder-Rising Sun, Jim Roberts-Batesville, Charlie Blake-Sunman Dearborn, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:10 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1. The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mehrle at 10:02 a.m.

The minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Dr. Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report and the reimbursement requests for federal grants were presented for approval. Claims 11700-117071 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Galey to accept the reports as presented and to pay the claims. Motion carried. Also, the grant approval letter for the FY2015 Part B 611 grant was received. We had received conditional approval for the budget portion in June. The final approval came after the Maintenance of Effort was submitted from all corporations.

The 2014 General Fund budget was presented for approval with a revision. A line was added for the purpose of mileage/travel expenses. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the revised 2014 General Fund budget. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning recommended the hiring of Lori Trimble, Teacher of Dear/Hard of Hearing for 69 half days a year. This is to provide relief of Sarah Watt's caseload since a class for preschool students has been started. A motion to approve the hiring of Lori Trimble was made by Dr. Roberts. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented.. A teacher is now in place for the homebound student from Rising Sun. Services will begin soon. The South Dearborn program is growing. Ms. Corning is providing funds for three preschool teachers to attend training for Picture Exchange Communication Systems (PECS). This will be held in Cincinnati in late September.

Ms. Corning presented the Confidentiality policy for review. It is important that schools ensure that their staff is trained. This documentation should be kept at the local level.

Discussion regarding the need and use of paraprofessionals continued. There have been numerous request made in just the last few weeks. Ms. Corning has asked that the assistant directors make classroom visits to observe whether there truly is a need. It would be helpful to have signatures of the requesting teacher, principal, superintendent and director on the request. This would ensure that all necessary people are informed of the request. Mr. Galey asked that communication about requests be made to the principal in a timely manner. Ms. Corning had asked at the last meeting that schools do a self-evaluation of teachers and paraprofessionals to determine that they are being used in the capacity

that they were hired for. These will be used for comparison to what was approved by Ms. Corning. These are needed in the ROD office by October 8<sup>th</sup> so that school and ROD information can be compared.

Other information presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. RTI training will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will help teachers to find the problem that is causing the child difficulty and then find an intervention(s) that will help that problem. This training would be for building administrators and general education staff.
2. Orton Gillingham training will be next week with a refresher course to be held September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Peer Modeling training will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to adjourn. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.