

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

September 18, 2012

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman-Dearborn, John Mehrle- South DearbornRob Moorhead-South Ripley, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Steve Patz-Rising Sun, Tom Reale-Milan, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:3 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1(b)(1) & (b)(2)(A). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reale at 9:34 a.m.

The minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Galey and seconded by Dr. Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Claims 115218-115287 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle and seconded by Dr. Roberts to approve the claims for payment. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. There is a large negative balance on the federal grant. This is due in part to revision of grants and also due to not being able to request money until after it has been spent. Discussion followed.

Ms. Corning made the following recommendations for employment: Rick Rieman, School Psychologist, 155 day contract; Shayla O'Rourke, non-public paraprofessional. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the recommendations for employment. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Corning also recommended the extension of Cristy Nuhring. Her employment will continue until October 15 in order to train her replacement and to ensure that all cases are in order. A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe and seconded by Dr. Mehrle to approve this recommendation. Motion carried.

The preschool report was presented. The program at Lawrenceburg is growing. We will keep a close watch on this as to when a new section needs to be added.

Ms. Corning informed the Board that the Valic representative had enrolled everyone and that Aflac was switched over from Sunman-Dearborn with the exception of the FSA funds. To continue with the FSA, there will be a fee of \$50 per month plus \$5.25 per month per employee who enrolls in the fund. Ms. Corning has also met with a representative from Ameriprise who could be another vendor. Dr. Hendrix asked that Ms. Corning bring this to the teachers association and to ensure that they meet the necessary certification.

Ms. Corning reported that we received our enrollment into the state teacher retirement fund. There is a need to pass a resolution for the Board to cover the mandatory 3% contribution into the TRF fund. Mr. Patz made a motion to pass the resolution for the mandatory 3% contribution. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Reale asked the Board to discuss the work hours for the ROD employees again in order to follow protocol in regards to contract negotiations. He asked that the work day be 8 hours long, which includes ½ hour lunch period. This will be for next school year. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix and seconded by Dr. Roberts. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous items presented included:

1. Dr. Reale presented a Grievance policy and form for reporting a grievance. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to accept the policy. Policy adopted.
2. The Autism inservice is being held today at the Dearborn Country Club. Please stop by if you have time.
3. NEOLA - we have met with the representative and will meet again on November 1st.
4. Unique system - a curriculum to be used by the severe disabilities classes. This can also be used as an evaluation tool for these teachers. There is another training at ROD on September 26.
5. Dr. Hendrix has a grant from DOE that needs to be spent out quickly. He asked that if anyone has any thoughts or recommendations regarding materials or workshops for transition, he would appreciate hearing about them.

Public Comments - Steve Wagner wanted to acknowledge the Autism team and the good job that they do in organizing the workshop that is being held today. It is a great opportunity for staff and parents to stay informed on autism.

Dr. Mehrle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Marcia A. Fullenkamp, Recording Secretary