

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

January 20, 2015

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Moores Hill Elementary School. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Tom Harris-Sunman-Dearborn, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Jim Roberts-Batesville, Branden Roeder-Rising Sun, Jane Rogers-Milan, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mehrle at 9:02 a.m. A tour of the elementary school was given by Dr. Mehrle and Sam Melton, principal.

The minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mr. Galey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Election of the Board of Finance was discussed. We have not had a board of finance since we switched to an Interlocal. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Roberts to appoint the entire Board to serve as the Board of Finance. Motion carried.

Ms. Croning reviewed the financial report and the claims register for vouchers 117320-117400. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve the financial report and the claims for payment. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool report was presented. The class at South Dearborn is close to capacity. It is possible that an additional teacher assistant could be added to this program. Lawrenceburg may need to add additional staff as their numbers increase.

Ms. Corning asked if any board member needed to complete a Conflict of Interest form. No board member needed one at this time.

Ms. Corning presented information about another option for funding the cooperative. This would be done by each corporation paying for their own teachers and teacher assistants. In doing this, the BOD expenses could be taken from the federal grant. The advantages to moving to this format would be that there would be less time involved for the local treasurers in preparing the monthly invoice. Also corporations could program mild disability students into severe disabilities programs. So disadvantages would be the expense that could come from a very involved student. Discussion followed. More data will be collected so that the Board may make a decision.

Discussion about the need for space for the Cooperative office began. Sunman-Dearborn has offered to allow ROD to continue at Sunman Elementary with four fewer rooms. How does

the space at Moores Hill compare to the remaining space at Sunman Elementary? What are the costs associated with a move? Ms. Corning estimated \$10,000 at minimum. Is it possible to look for a place to purchase or to build a building so that there would never be a need to move? Is it possible for Sunman-Dearborn to add two portable classrooms to the elementary to help with space there until a more permanent solution could be found? The committee will meet to discuss these options and return with information for the Board in February.

Other information presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. Information has been distributed about the Inclusion conference that will be held in March. Ms. Corning asked for other topics for in-service.
2. Medicaid Billing - Rising Sun has just started the process to begin billing. ROD staff has not been billing.
3. Information was distributed about accommodations for the alternative assessment.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.