

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

January 15, 2019

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Jane Rogers - Milan, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jackson at 9:04 a.m.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. Mr. Moorhead made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Jackson welcomed Ryan Middleton who will be the superintendent for Jac-Cen-Del schools starting February 1, 2019.

The minutes of the December 18 board meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Reimbursement requests were distributed. A modification request for the FY 2018 619 grant was sent to DOE. The reimbursement request will not be sent until the approval for this modification is received. Local non-public funds were expended by December 31. Claims 120703-120788 along with payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mr. Galey. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board of Finance – Dr. Brewer made a recommendation to appoint the entire board to serve as the Board of Finance as has been done in the past. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to appoint the entire board to serve. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer recommended that the ROD Board meetings be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the South Dearborn Central office. This motion was made by Mrs. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Galey. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer wanted to inform the Board of some upcoming trainings. IEP trainings will be held at the end of February, beginning of March. These will focus on FBA/BIP and other general IEP topics. Another meeting with the Dyslexia group will be held in February.

The preschool update was presented. There are several referrals from First Steps that are coming. No permission has been obtained yet, so they have not been added to the report. We are using community preschools more to alleviate overcrowding in the developmental programs. Students transitioning to kindergarten were noted on the update.

Public Comments – None

Discussion regarding funding of special education programs – Dr. Jackson welcomed the treasurers and business managers for joining this discussion. Dr. Brewer explained the information in the packet that was provided. Cash balance has been a topic of discussion for several months. Mr. Galey suggested that the funds be reconciled at the end of each fiscal year and that any amount over the suggested cash balance be returned to the corporations. Lack of flexibility with teachers and paraprofessionals has also been an issue. Mr. Galey had said that the policy that was to deal with this could be rescinded providing more flexibility. Mr. Roeder had provided information about how changing the funding would impact everyone over the next 10 years. He suggested changing the formula to use special education numbers vs. total ADM when figuring participating shares. Mr. Roeder also questioned the possibility of having the HANDS program billed to the corporations that are using it vs. everyone sharing the costs. Mr. Moorhead reminded everyone that South Ripley and Jac-Cen-Del do still share 2 programs for the severe disabilities students. Another recommendation was to spend down the cash balance before asking for additional money. Dr. Brewer appreciated meeting with some of the districts to discuss the finances and to be reminded that we are providing good services and the students are being taken care of properly.

Our next meeting will be on February 19th.

A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mr. Ketcham to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.