

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

January 17, 2023

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the South Dearborn Community Schools Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Jane Rogers – Milan, and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jane Rogers.

Public Comments – none

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda with one change, the date was incorrect. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the agenda with the date changed to January 17, 2023. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the December 13, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the minutes. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal Grant reimbursement forms were provided. The FY 2022 ARPA 619 grant is spent. Final report will be coming. Two corporations paid the participating shares prior to December 31 so that money is included in the financial report. Form 9 is completed and will be submitted when signatures are acquired today. Claims 123386-123445, along with payroll vouchers, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the financial report and claims. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Dr. Brewer presented a maternity leave request for Ellen Laub. Coverage for her position will be handled in house with current staff. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the leave. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items –

1. Dr. Brewer presented RDA information from DOE. Dr. Brewer needs to contact DOE to discuss errors to the data. Mr. Moorhead discussed the issue with accountability of students from another corporation that is impacting his corporation percentages. Dr. Brewer will check with DOE to see that students are coded correctly.
2. The preschool update was provided. Classes are continuing to grow. Discussion for next year will need to start soon.
3. December 1 – reports were presented. Discussion followed about how to get accurate information from teachers. Several suggestions will be implemented next year.

Discussion Items –

1. Dr. Brewer discussed ICASE's legislative agenda. These include, funding for excess costs (S5), supports for new special education teachers, and no expansion of vouchers and ESAs.
2. Dr. Brewer provided DOE guidance regarding extended school year services. He would like to look at the possibility of providing some services for students who have difficulty transitioning back into school after summer break. Data would need to be collected to see who would benefit from this. Concerns are identifying staff, students and locations for this type of service.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.