

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

October 5, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at the Southeastern Career Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Milan, John Mehrle - South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead - South Ripley, Bill Narwold - Batesville, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del and Alex Brewer - ROD. Branden Roeder was absent.

The Board met in executive session from 10:15 a.m. until 10:52 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moorhead at 10:58 a.m.

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda and asked for approval. Dr. Mehrle made a motion to approve the presented agenda. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The finance report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The reimbursement for September will not be received until early October as there was a glitch at DOE and the request was not processed. The FY2017 federal grant has not been approved yet. DOE is still working to get this completed. Claims 118809-118876 along with the payroll vouchers were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Narwold to approve the claims for payment. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update - Dr. Brewer informed the Board of the resignation of Charlotte Schutte effective October 14, 2016. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to accept the resignation. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Dr. Brewer presented information for pay increases for the non-certified staff. A 2% increase is recommended with the exception of the treasurer at 3% and the deputy treasurer at 4%. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to approve as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEOLA policies were presented for the second reading. A motion was made to accept the policies as presented by Mr. Galey. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other information presented included:

1. Preschool update was presented. Discussion followed about classes.
2. New Horizons has received a Pre-ETS Grant. They will be working with students

from Batesville, Jac-Cen-Del and Sunman-Dearborn who are on a diploma tract but who will need additional supports. The intent of the grant is that other schools will be added next school year.

3. Hands in Autism - Naomi Sweezy will be at the December or January Board meeting to give an update as to how the programs are running.

Missy Jones reported on the program at Aurora Elementary School - There are seven full-time emotionally handicapped students in the program and some part-time students as well. The suspension rate is down. There has been a lot of improvement/growth in the students. Missy is taking techniques learned to other buildings in the cooperative.

Brooke Level reported on the program at Milan Elementary School. This program is for the students in the severe/disabilities program. Initially there was a great deal of observation. Now there is more coaching and hands-on training. The emotionally handicapped teacher and instructional assistant are included in the training. School-wide supports are being implemented. Web calls provide an opportunity to ask questions about students in other schools. The Autism team is using Google to get info to all special education teachers in the cooperative. YouTube links are also helpful. The login for the HANDS website has been given to all teachers.

Dr. Brewer opened discussion about AG6320J - Reimbursement for Cooperative Programs. He added that the cooperative will no longer reimburse for travel for homebound instruction. Mileage and hourly rate reimbursement will be provided for students who attend school outside the ROD cooperative district. This will be effective retroactive to October 1, 2016. Information will be sent out to the local treasurers so that they are aware of the changes.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to adjourn. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.