

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

October 15, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Galey at 9:03 a.m.

The agenda was presented for approval. Mrs. Rogers made a motion to approve and Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Lows. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. A revision was made to the FY 2019 611 federal grant. Reimbursement will be sent for this grant after receiving approval. Claims 121315-121379, including payroll claims, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel – Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of Roberta Ray as a paraprofessional for non-public schools. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the hiring of Ms. Ray. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a letter of resignation for Laura Nagel, COTA, effective October 24, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton to accept the resignation. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. There were no questions about current caseloads.

A question was brought to Dr. Brewer about what a typical speech therapist caseload should look like. Data was presented by school and by therapist. There is a consistent pattern that the middle and high schools have students that receive little therapy, or consultation, and could be dismissed. This would lessen caseloads but requires the therapist to evaluate to exit those students. Dr. Brewer will be looking at other caseloads throughout the cooperative.

Dr. Brewer attended the semi-annual ICASE conference in September. A couple of highlights from the conference include:

1. Compliance indicators – timely submission of data is important.

2. All special education students starting with the class of 2023 need a transition portfolio.
3. ISPROUT is the new preschool evaluation tool. Training will be happening locally to prepare teachers.
4. Excess costs funding – there is a legislative agenda push from ICASE to convert SEEC funds to non-reverting funds so that unused funds will stay in S-5 and not go back to the general fund.

The next meeting will need to be moved earlier to be able to meet the requirement ratifying the collective bargaining agreement. The meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Southeastern Career Center. The public hearing for the contract will take place on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the South Dearborn Superintendent's office.

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

The Board met in executive session from 9:50 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.