

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

November 17, 2015

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at the South Dearborn Administration office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham-Milan, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Jim Roberts-Batesville, Branden Roeder-Rising Sun, Tim Taylor-Jac-Cen-Del, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:02 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1. The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

Dr. Mehrle called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

The minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. The old federal funds have been updated to now being \$0 ending balance by using general fund money to get rid of the negative balances. Claims 118056-118133 were presented for payment. The federal grant reimbursement requests were also discussed. A revision was made to the FY15 611 grant and had been approved by DOE. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A resolution to transfer excess funds from the general fund to the local school districts was presented. The Board asked for revisions to the resolution. The Board also wants an average of the ADM counts over the last 10 years to be used as the basis for dispersing the funds. The resolution will be brought back to the Board at the December meeting.

The preschool report was presented. Mr. Galey asked if there was a cost savings by sending students to private preschool programs. Ms. Corning explained that there is a cost savings but that many students would not be accepted at private preschools due to their disability.

Discussion regarding ROD reimbursement for positions followed. Mr. Galey made a motion to revise the policy and add that the schools will have flexibility to move any students who are 100% mainstreamed and on consultation to the rosters of ROD reimbursed MoMH/EH teachers. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding how this could affect the corporations when the specific indicators (evaluation points) are looked at. Mr. Galey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Roeder to table this discussion until the December meeting.

Other information presented included:

1. The Director's position has been posted through January 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Seclusion/Restraint policies or plans - Ms. Corning is available to help with the writing of these.
3. Ms. Corning is setting up a classroom observation with an ABA classroom in Seymour. The date has not been verified.

There were no public comments.

Dr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.