

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

November 18, 2014

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Bill Narwold-Jac-Cen-Del, Jim Roberts-Batesville, John Williams-Sunman Dearborn, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:15 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1. The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mehrle at 10:47 a.m.

The minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Galey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report and claims 117159-117238 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Narwold to approve the financial report and the claims. Dr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The personnel report was given by Ms. Corning. A medical leave was requested by one staff member for 3 weeks beginning November 10. The staff member will return to work on December 1st. Ms. Corning is working with a contract agency but they are having difficulty finding someone for a school psychologist position. We are struggling to meet evaluation timelines due to lack of school psychologists.

Mr. Moorhead made a recommendation to increase salaries for non-certified staff by 1.75% retroactive to July 1, 2014. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Moorhead amended his motion to include an increase in the Board contribution to insurance for teacher assistants by \$200 in order to meet guidelines for the ACA. Motion carried by a 5-1 vote.

Ms. Corning presented updates to NEOLA policies. These are standard updates that were recommended by NEOLA. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the changes in the policies as presented pending review by Ms. Corning to ensure that we only need one reading to change a policy. Dr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Preschool information was presented. At this time the classes are going well and there is no need to make any changes to the current programs.

Ms. Corning reviewed classlists of classes that are reimbursed by ROD to look at issues with teachers to see if they are servicing students who do not meet this criteria. She recommended that changes be made to address these problems by January. Discussion followed regarding making these changes in the middle of the school year. It was felt that it would be better to plan to make the changes for the start of the 2015-16 school year. Each corporation should review the information presented and

bring back information at the December board meeting. If there are questions, these could be directed to Dr. Mehrle and he will get them to Ms. Corning. Ms. Corning will be scheduling visits to discuss individual concerns. Additional discussion followed about the funding of programs. Currently, ROD funds programs based on student need by paying for teaching positions and teacher assistants. Mr. Narwold wondered if it would be better to have the money follow the student. This would need to be explored as the Cooperative is responsible for also providing the OT/PT services, teachers of hearing impaired, physically impaired, all staff involved in evaluation and administrative positions. A change in funding programs would also require a change in the Interlocal Agreement.

Other information provided by Ms. Corning included:

1. FBA/BIP training will be held at ROD on November 19 & 20. These are ½ day sessions and are broken into elementary and middle/high school sections.
2. Marcia Fullenkamp has completed the IASBO certification program for Business Office Specialist.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Narwold wanted to express the sympathy of the Board to Sunman-Dearbon at the sudden loss of Charlie Blake, Business Manager.

A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to adjourn. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.