

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

December 14, 2021

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the South Dearborn Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers – Milan, Alex Brewer - ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(A)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 by Karl Galey.

A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve the agenda. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. There were no changes to the agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Items -

The minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Roeder to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal grant reimbursements were provided. Approval was received on the 619 ARP Grant. On the 611 ARP grant, DOE called wanting some clarification on some items that were on the grant. I will contact you to discuss the issues. Appropriations are running according to plan. Participating Shares will be mailed this week. December 1 information was distributed. The numbers are preliminary as we are still working to clarify some submissions. Claims 122724-122778 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the claims. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update –

A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the recommendation for salary increases for the administrators and the classified staff. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Mr. Galey commented that the increases match with the teacher increases. Motion carried.

Informational Items –

ROD Cooperative Updates – Results Driven Accountability (RDA) data was discussed. Dr. Brewer explained what areas are used in the determination of scores, which includes state and federal monitoring areas. Some areas that are included are test scores, graduation rates, LRE, proficiency and federal monitoring indicators. Dr. Brewer serves on the governmental affairs committee of ICASE. Their focus has been on Educator Shortage and Social/Emotional Learning. Locally, we are working with mentoring new teachers.

Preschool Update – Class sizes are increasing and there are many students yet to be evaluated. Dr. Brewer discussed a different option for servicing students who don't need the intensive services of the classroom. It would entail having students come in one time a week for speech/language services and a socialization group with good peer models. This different model would alleviate the classroom numbers.

Discussion Items –

Dr. Brewer discussed that all corporations are now billing for Medicaid services. The next step is to start billing for transportation on the days that the student receives Medicaid services. Once the routes are set up in the billing software, the bus driver would need to provide daily attendance for the students. This would then be sent to ROD where it will be submitted for processing.

Public Comments – None

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.