

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

December 17, 2019

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by Mr. Galey.

The agenda was presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton to approve the minutes. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp.

1. The federal grant reimbursement forms were distributed along with the final report for the FY2019 619 preschool grant.
2. The audit report was discussed. There were no findings that required action.
3. Information regarding the December 1 count was presented. The total count was up 135 students from last year. The areas that have increased are Autism, Other Health Impaired and Developmental Disabilities.
4. MOE has been delayed until sometime in February. More information will be sent from DOE when the report is due.
5. Claims 121448-121525 along with payroll vouchers were presented for payment.

A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel –

1. Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of Michelle Roell, Occupational Therapist. She is a recent graduate and Dr. Brewer is happy to have her. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton to approve the hiring of Ms. Roell. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Dr. Brewer recommended a supplemental payment of \$1,000 for Andrea Engel-Dixon as she will be serving as a mentor to Ms. Roell. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the supplemental payment. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of Mindy Koehne as a substitute for the Teacher of Blind/Low Vision. This is a temporary position. A motion was made

by Mr. Ketcham to approve the hiring. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Mr. Galey made a recommendation to extend the contract for Dr. Brewer for three years. The amount of the contract is \$105,000. Insurance will change to the HDHP plan with a contribution to an HSA. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve this contract. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. The contractor from Stepping Stones will be leaving on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Brewer hopes that a replacement is found by the company. Until then, the current psychologists and the other contractors will work on that caseload.

The 2020-2021 ROD calendar was presented for approval. The start date will be August 3, 2020 with the usual breaks. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve the calendar as presented. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. Dr. Brewer discussed that the preschool training was held and was very good. Information was presented on the new ISPROUT training and Communities of Practice. The group will meet again in February. Regarding parents who ask about transferring a student to another corporation, contact should be made with the corporations prior to the IEP meeting.

Each corporation should have received information from DOE regarding the Results Driven Accountability (RDA). The areas that are included in the data are, Student Testing Performance, Federal Compliance Indicators and Data Collection Compliance. More information will be released in January for those who were non-compliant.

ROD Reorganization Planning – There is a meeting set up the second week of January with Batesville and Sunman-Dearborn to determine job transfers. Two staff members have submitted their letter for retirement. January 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to receive the incentive. Regarding the new location for ROD, discussion needs to happen as to who is responsible for costs associated with the reconfiguration of classrooms/office space. Aurora Elementary seems to be the best option as it would be relatively easy to reconfigure. The Board directed Dr. Brewer to continue to look at the possible Aurora Elementary site.

Public Comments – none

The next meeting is January 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the South Dearborn Superintendent's office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.