

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

February 16, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 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.

Dr. Mehrle called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Naomi Sweezy, director of Hands In Autism, gave a presentation and answered questions about the program that is offered to work on serious behaviors in the classroom. Discussion followed as to how it would look in our schools.

The minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. Claims 118288-118347 were presented for payment. The federal grant reimbursement requests were also discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented a letter of retirement for Loraine Werner, occupational therapist, effective at the end of the school year. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to accept the letter of retirement. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. The students who will be going to kindergarten will be marked on the next list. Discussion followed about the number of students and staff that are allowed in the preschool classroom. Ms. Corning stated that it is based on the severity of students in the room. Ms. Corning also informed the Board that in reviewing the minutes, on August 22, 2010 it was approved that school corporations could bill for the services that the speech therapist provided to the preschool students.

Regarding the Teacher Performance Grant money that was received from IDOE, Ms. Corning talked with Pam Wright, state director of special education, Pete Weldy, DOE and Sarah Pies, DOE about eligibility for the money. After talking with these people, all who are appropriately licensed are eligible for the money. Ms. Corning had talked with the association and had agreement that there would be a \$100.00 difference in the amount received between those rated effective and highly effective. This money will be distributed on the March 4<sup>th</sup> payroll.

The NEOLA policy changes were presented for the first reading. These are the updates for Vol. 27, #1 and Vol 27, #2. There were no questions at this time.

Ms. Corning presented the calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. The calendar has staff returning on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the last day is May 31<sup>st</sup>. The contract has 185 days with no non-contract days. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to accept the calendar as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other information presented included:

1. UDL training will be held on February 24-25 at Milan Middle School from 9:00-12:00. There is still time to sign-up.
2. The transition fair will be held on April 25 at Milan High School from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. This will provide information for parents and students.
3. Forms for the written summary of restraint have been posted to our website. A form should be completed after each restraint and sent to our office.
4. Our work session will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comments - Daelle Woolwine, representing the ROD Teachers' Association wanted the Board to know in regards to the school calendar that the association preferred Option 4 as it allows for the teachers to meet the needs of the eight school corporations.

During the work session items to be discussed will include the Hands In Autism recommendation for a classroom model location, including how many staff members would be needed and the costs to implement a program. Also, information regarding how staff are assigned to buildings now and in the future, is there a formula for these assignments.

Mr. Moorhead informed the Board that one of their students, Chris Perdue will be participating in the 2017 Special Olympics World Games in Austria for snowboarding.

A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to adjourn. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The Board then meet in Executive Session beginning at 12:30 p.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1(5). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.