

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

February 17, 2015

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

The Board toured the current location for the Cooperative in order to determine appropriate space for next year.

The Board met in executive session from 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 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 10:07 a.m.

The minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Moorhead to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report and claims 117401-117467 were presented for payment. The lease for the building space was included in this month's bills. Information was presented regarding federal grant reimbursement. A motion was made by Dr. Williams to approve the financial report and the claims to be paid. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented the personnel report. Ms. Corning recommended the hiring of April Sigler and Mayo Fujiki as school psychologists for next school year. Cailin Collins is being recommended as a school psychology intern. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the hiring of the two school psychologists and the school psychology intern. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Ms. Corning received an email inquiry from Kimm Hackworth who had previously worked for the cooperative as a school psychologist. She would be available two days a week to help with the current caseload. She would be paid her daily rate. A motion was made by Dr. Williams to approve the hiring of Ms. Hackworth at her daily rate according to the contract. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. Lawrenceburg will be adding a teacher assistant to their program after spring break. Discussion followed.

Discussion of the facility for 2015-2016 followed. It was decided to work with the space we will have at Sunman Elementary School and use storage units for items that need to be kept. A motion was made by Dr. Williams that Sunman-Dearborn will take over 4 classrooms that are currently used by ROD. The lease will be adjusted accordingly. Sunman-Dearborn would pay for 2 storage pods for no more than one year. If more are needed, the cooperative would be responsible for paying for those. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Dr. Williams agreed that they would install/move

the doors in the hallway, and would move the electric as needed. They would also build any walls in existing rooms that may be needed. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented information about how each corporation would be affected if the funding model changed. The change would be that the local corporations would not be assessed participating shares. This money would be used to fund all of their own classrooms. The cooperative would keep the federal grant money. Discussion followed.

Other information presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. Unique (News-2-You) training will be at ROD on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Corning is also looking at STAR training and coaching for teachers.
2. Gordon Holmes will present to parents on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Milan Elementary School.
3. The transition fair will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at South Dearborn High School.
4. HANDS in Autism training will be held on April 22 & 23, with a classroom day on April 24.
5. RTI training will be scheduled.

Ms. Corning has been asked about how ELearning should be accounted for on the IEP. More information will need to be collected before guidance can be given.

The next ROD meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> at ROD.

A motion was made by Dr. Williams to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.