

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

February 2, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the South Dearborn Administration office. This meeting had originally been scheduled for January 19 and had to be rescheduled due to a conflict with another meeting. It was rescheduled for January 22 and had to be rescheduled due to weather. 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 9:02 a.m.

The minutes of the December 22, 2015 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of Board of Finance - Currently the Board serves as the Board of Finance. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to have the entire Board act as the Board of Finance. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms Corning informed the Board that she had received a request from the Register Publication in Dearborn County for information on board meetings. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to use the Register Publication as the news agency to be notified of meetings. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion.

The financial report was presented. Claims 118215-118287 were presented for payment. The federal grant reimbursement requests were also discussed. The final reports for the FY15 611 grant and the FY14 TA grant were completed. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2016 Preschool Budget was presented. Corrections had been made to the participating shares as there was a mistake that was found when it was presented in December. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding reimbursement for speech therapy in the preschool classrooms. Currently, ROD provides the speech therapist for the preschool programs at South Dearborn and Sunman-Dearborn. We reimburse Jac-Cen-Del for the time their therapist spends in that room. Batesville and Lawrenceburg provide the therapy in their programs.

The preschool update was presented for review. Discussion followed.

Ms. Corning asked if any board member needed to complete a Conflict of Interest form. No board member needed one at this time.

Ms. Corning discussed the recent visit to the autism demonstration class in Seymour with the possibility of creating a similar model here. It is a very structured and modified class. There is a much smaller teacher:student ratio. Discussion followed as to what this would look like in the cooperative. Ms. Corning suggested that the best place to start might be Milan Elementary School since their autism population will be growing. Mr. Ketcham would like to talk to his building staff to see if it is something they would be interested in doing. Several members asked exactly what would be included in the \$30,000 training from Hands in Autism. Is it possible to train teams and send them to buildings to help when requested? It was suggested that Ms. Corning contact Hands in Autism and find out what would be included in the contract. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to table to recommendation on creating a demonstration classroom at this time. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other information presented included:

1. A work session will be held on February 18th at 9:00 a.m. at South Dearborn Central Office to work on ROD classroom staffing and what students are currently in those classes.
2. UDL training is scheduled for February 24 and February 25.
3. IEP's - these are to be completed within the 12 month timeline.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to adjourn with Mr. Moorhead seconding the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

The Board met in executive session from 10:10 a.m. until a.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.