

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

February 25, 2014

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Special Education Center. The meeting had been scheduled for February 18, 2014 but had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman Dearborn, Paul Ketcham-Milan, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Steve Patz-Rising Sun, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Patz at 9:06 a.m.

The minutes of the January 31, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Galey and seconded by Dr. Mehrle to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. Dr. Phillippe questioned the negative amounts on some of the funds. It was explained that these were due to how reimbursement is received from the state.

Claims 116513-116586 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve both the financial report and the payment of claims. Dr. Phillippe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Since the state is now requiring schools to complete two ADM counts, a question arose as to which count would be used for budget purposes. In the past, the September count has been used to generate figures for the budget. Discussion followed. It was decided to continue to use the September count but to also look at how the budget would be affected if the February count was used.

Preschool information was distributed. The Lawrenceburg program is at capacity and has more students that will be placed. There are two options that could be considered. Some students could possibly attend the South Dearborn class. The other options is to send the students to a Lawrenceburg teacher who has a small caseload. This would help with transition of these students to kindergarten.

Ms. Corning presented proposals for the use and funding of teachers and paraprofessionals in the local buildings. There are some staff members that are not working with the students that they are being paid to work with. It was suggested that staff assignments be re-evaluated throughout the school year, possibly at semester. It was suggested that more information is needed. This will be discussed at an executive session prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Corning again presented information about classrooms for next school year.

1. South Ripley will continue to have 2 severe disabilities classrooms as numbers support this.
2. Lawrenceburg Primary/Greendale Middle - Mr. Galey doesn't feel the need to move the class to the middle school due to the cognitive levels of those students. Is it possible for one student to be ½ day at Central Elementary and ½ day at Greendale Middle.
3. Rising Sun High School is in need of a severe disabilities classroom for the middle and high school students.

4. Batesville Intermediate will not need a severe disabilities classroom. Batesville Primary may not need the emotional disabilities program.
5. North Dearborn Elementary will need a full time emotional handicapped program.

Other items presented by Ms. Corning include:

1. Autism Conference will be held March 13 at Versailles Baptist Church.
2. School Positive Behavior Supports will be held April 15 at Versailles Baptist Church.
3. Transition Fair will be held April 16.
4. A new lease was entered into for the copiers. The new lease is for one less copier and will save approximately \$13,500 per year.
5. The March meeting is scheduled for March 18. Will this date still work? Yes, we will meet on March 18.
6. ICASE legislative agenda was presented.

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.