

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

February 16, 2021

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 virtually as the weather made it impossible to meet in person. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer and Missy Jones - ROD.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 by Karl Galey.

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

The minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Lows to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Information regarding MOE was received on Friday. There will be a new process this year as the required data will be pulled from the Form 9. This will reset the MOE bar. Exceptions will only be allowed if the corporation has not met either the state or federal test. Claims 122267-122315 along with payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report and pay claims. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the 2021-2022 calendar. The calendar has a reduced spring break. The calendar can be modified for individuals who need to work the local calendar if needed. A motion was made by Mr. Lows and seconded by Mr. Roeder. Motion carried.

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of Ashley Sedler as a part-time teacher for the non-public schools. She will become the teacher of record for the students in those schools. The contract will be for 55 days for 3.5 hours per day. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve Ms. Sedler. Motion carried.

ROD Update –

1. Dr. Brewer updated the Board on the changes to how IEP's will be accessed. The Learning Connection is being discontinued this summer and will be replaced by the LINK Initiative. There will be training coming up soon and more information will be dispersed after that training.
2. Dr. Brewer is willing to provide any supports to the schools to help with ESSER II grant writing for the services for students with disabilities. ROD is always available to provide guidance.
3. We will soon be starting to prepare the next budget. Dr. Brewer is asking that if anyone is considering program changes to contact him so that these can be considered.

The preschool update was presented. There are still several students who are not on the list as we are waiting for permission to evaluate. Mr. Galey is very appreciative of the column indicating which students will be kindergarten eligible in the fall. This helps with local programming needs.

Public Comments - Missy Jones inquired if the corporations had received a letter from Dr. Box regarding COVID vaccinations for teachers and paraprofessionals working with intense academic students and preschool students. She asked that the information be shared with those who are eligible.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.