

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

February 21, 2023

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at the South Dearborn Community Schools Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, , Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Jane Rogers – Milan, and Alex Brewer - ROD. Branden Roeder - Rising Sun was absent

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Jane Rogers.

Public Comments – none

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the agenda. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal grant reimbursement forms were provided. The final report for the FY 2022 ARPA 619 grant needs to be completed. Reminders were sent out to spend down the FY 2022 ARPA 611 grant. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Remaining appropriations are in line with projections with the exception of the Operations Fund. We have had some student specific items that had not been in the budget. The cash on hand can cover these expenses. Claims 123446-123505 were presented for payment along with payroll vouchers. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the claims for payment. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items –

We have a school psychologist that will be on medical leave. Dr. Brewer is requesting to add up to 30 days to April Vater's contract to cover this leave. Mr. Galey made a motion to approve the additional days. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2023-2024 ROD Calendar was presented. Staff would start back on August 1, 2023 and end on or about May 24, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Melton to approve the calendar. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding spring break. Motion carried.

Information Items –

Preschool Update was provided. Planning for next year is in progress. Programs will be expanded at Milan, South Dearborn and Lawrenceburg.

Discussion Items –

ROD Cooperative Updates –

1. Transition Fair – April 25 at Milan High School. There will be talks by ARC regarding Guardianship and Gordon Holmes on Estate Planning. Many vendors will be present also.
2. IEP Training – April 19 at Ivy Tech in Lawrenceburg. This will be a full day training provided by the IEP Technical Assistance Center highlighting goal writing, progress monitoring and best practices.
3. First IEP with behavior tech services has been written and implemented.
4. Dr. Brewer gave a legislative update. Special Education reimbursement will increase but the levels will be split into more specific categories.
5. DOE has provided new information regarding an Alternative Diploma for students who have the most significant cognitive disabilities. Students who are graduating in spring 2023 are eligible for this diploma. Teachers will need to revise IEP's to document the change.
6. Data Reporting – information was provided discussing reporting of Jac-Cen-Del and South Ripley Students

The March Board meeting falls over Spring Break. It appears that we will have quorum so the meeting will stay on that date, March 21,2023.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.