

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

February 20, 2018

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karly Galey - Lawrenceburg, Cindy Morton - Sunman-Dearborn, Melissa Burton - Batesville, John Mehrle - South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead - South Ripley, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:27 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moorhead at 9:33 a.m.

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were presented. Mr. Galey made a motion to approve the minutes with one amendment. The start time of the ROD Board meetings should be 9:30 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The FY 2017 611 grant has been expended and the final report is complete. All participating shares have been received which has increased our cash balance. Claims 119952-120029 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to approve the financial report. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the 2018-2019 calendar. The calendar is for 185 days. Staff may swap days due to the differences in corporation calendars after receiving approval from Dr. Brewer. A motion to approve the calendar was made by Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update - Letters of resignation were received from Brittany Helton and Brandy Foxworth. Both have worked as Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to accept the resignations. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. A letter for maternity leave was presented for Trisha Goldsmith beginning in May. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the maternity leave. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented information regarding the change in Developmental Delay classification. Starting with the 2018-2019 school year, this classification will be extended to

cover students up until their 9th birthday. These students should be served in the mild disabilities classrooms. If their needs are more severe, they should be evaluated for the suspected disability and then served in the appropriate classroom. The administrative guideline will be updated to include language as to teacher of record and reimbursement for cooperative programs.

The preschool update was presented. Enrollment is growing. Dr. Brewer asked that if any corporations are considering offering preschool to typical students, he would like to be involved in those discussions.

ICASE update was provided by Dr. Brewer. Special education numbers are up 1.5% across the state with the largest increases in OHI and Autism. There are still gaps present between general education students and special education students in passing ISTEP and in graduation rates. The graduation rate for special education students is now 71%. SB217 - Dyslexia is looking like it will pass. The implications from this is that corporations will need to provide dyslexia interventionists, screenings, therapy and specific RTI language. We may need to provide training in Orton Gillingham again. Brooke Levell discussed some of the legal issues that were brought up. If corporations use E-Learning Days as make-up days, any related services will need to be made up by service providers. Cyberbullying should be addressed in the IEP, along with any assistive technology issues. OCR is monitoring corporation website accessibility for ADA and Section 504 implementation.

Dr. Naomi Sweezy gave a presentation on the HANDS programs that they are supporting in the local schools. Things are going well with all three programs. Some suggestions were given if the Cooperative decides to move forward with more support.

Public Comments - none

The next meeting of the ROD Board will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 9:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mrs. Rogers to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.