

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

March 15, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at the South Dearborn Administration office. 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 9:11 a.m.

Naomi Sweezy, director of Hands In Autism, answered questions about the program that is offered to work on serious behaviors in the classroom. Discussion followed as to how it would look in our schools. Ms. Corning recommends this program as the best way to address behavior problems in the classroom. Mr. Taylor asked if it were possible to have two proposals. One that looks at one classroom in one corporation and another that looks at 1 classroom in each of two corporations. Ms. Sweezy will prepare proposals and have for the next meeting. The recommendation was tabled at this time

The minutes of the February 16, 2016 regular meeting and the February 18, 2016 work session were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims 118348-118417 were presented for payment. The final payment of the VEBA buyout will be made to Sunman-Dearborn. The federal grant reimbursement requests were also discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the claims for payment. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Recommendation - Dr. Mehrle thanked Ms. Corning for her years of service to the cooperative. Dr. Mehrle recommended Dr. Alex Brewer as ROD Director of Special Education for three years starting July 1, 2016. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Dr. Jackson. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer stated: "I would like to thank Cheryl for her many years of service, dedication and leadership. I also want to thank the ROD board for the opportunity to become the Director and express my excitement to work with the member schools and the excellent ROD staff."

The preschool update was presented. The students who will be attending kindergarten in the fall have been marked. Discussion followed.

Recommendation for demonstration classroom - Dr. Jackson made a motion to table at this time. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion tabled.

The updated NEOLA policies for Vol. 27, #1, and Vol. 27, #2 were presented for the second reading. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the updated policies. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Galey has asked that a revision be made to the document about how programs/ teachers/assistants will be reimbursed for cooperative programs. He suggested that a change be made on item #3 from “equally” to “proportionately based upon the amount of time assigned to other duties compared to their contracted amount of time.” Ms. Corning agreed with this recommendation. This would be effective starting the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Galey asked that an addition be made to the document asking that mild disabilities students on consultation could be served by cooperative funded staff. Ms. Corning does not feel this is best practice as the amount of time that it would take away from the students that are assigned to that teacher. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the change to item #3. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 7-1.

Other information presented included:

1. Transition Fair - April 25, 2016 at Milan High School from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is geared towards parents so that they can hear about opportunities that their children could benefit from.
2. We may soon have two staff members out for medical issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to adjourn. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.