

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

March 19, 2024

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the South Dearborn Community Schools Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Pat Murphy – Milan, and Alex Brewer – ROD. Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg and Branden Roeder – Rising Sun were absent

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Eric Lows.

Public Comments – none

The agenda was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve as presented. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the February 20, 2024 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal grant reimbursement requests were provided. Dr. Brewer still needs to meet with one of the non-public schools to meet our federal grant requirements. There is a meeting scheduled with the Dept. of Finance to discuss our MOE. Data verification reports have been sent for review. They are due back to the ROD office by Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Claims 124127 – 124180, including payroll claims, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Melton to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

Action Items-

Dr. Brewer presented Danielle Huddleston for the position of Blind/Low Vision Teacher and Educational Consultant. This position will start in August 2024. We will still need to contract for O & M services. A motion was made by Mr. Melton to approve the hiring. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The NEOLA update Vol. 35, No. 2 was presented for final approval.

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A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve with Mr. Melton seconding the motion.  
Motion carried.

Informational Items –

The preschool update was provided.

Discussion Items –

ROD Cooperative Update – Dr. Brewer discussed the need for additional Intensive Behavior Supports. It is being recommended that schools start their own programs to help support the students with great need. Dr. Brewer would like to visit some of these programs to see how to implement this in our area. He is looking at an elementary level, co-op wide program.

We have placed a student in a program that would normally have an excess costs application completed. DOE has a new funding source for students who are DHH and have an implant or assistive hearing device. Dr. Brewer will be pursuing funding through this program to start the 2024-2025 school year. We will be responsible for the costs prior to that time.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to adjourn. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.