

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

March 21, 2017

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - 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 9:35 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 9:41 a.m.

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda. Mrs. Rogers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The format for the report has changed due to requests from the auditor. There have been columns added for reports and also the date of availability for each grant was added to the form. This allows the Board to provide more oversight of the federal grants. There were no receipts in February due moving the meeting later in the month. The federal grant reimbursement requests were distributed along with the quarterly proportionate share reports. Claims 119198-119272, along with the payroll vouchers, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the financial report. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a letter of resignation from Tara Moorman. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to accept the resignation. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a job description for a Behavior Consultant. This position would provide needed behavior support to local schools along with taking skills learned through the HANDS training and getting those skills out to other schools. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the new job description. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the contracts for the HANDS in autism program and summer training. The new program will be held at North Dearborn Elementary. Staff from North

Dearborn have observed the Milan program and are ready to start. The summer training will be held June 12-16. Staff have been notified about the training dates. A motion was made by Jane Rogers to approve both contracts. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. Dr. Brewer discussed with the Board that we are working through how to best serve students that will be entering into transition kindergarten rooms at the local schools. Because these students are considered kindergarten, they are not eligible to be considered as developmental disabled students. It is difficult to put another eligibility on such young students. There is hope that the developmental delay eligibility will be extended to students up to 9 years of age.

Dr. Brewer has redesigned the forms for paraprofessional requests. The forms are detailed to provide information that will help with making determinations of need for additional classroom support. These will be sent to the principals in the next few weeks.

Dr. Brewer has questions about the lack of language in our Interlocal Agreement about who is responsible for paying for costs associated with due process hearings. He would like to add language to the document. Each corporation will ask their respective insurance company about deductible, etc. Information will be brought back to the Board with a recommendation on language to be added to the Interlocal Agreement at the July meeting.

There were no public comments.

Dr. Mehrle asked about the meeting location. It was determined that the meetings will be held at the South Dearborn Superintendent's office on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Moorhead announced that Chris Perdue, student at South Ripley High School, had just won a gold medal at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.

A motion was made by Mr. Galey to adjourn. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.