

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

April 19, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 19, 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 9:05 a.m.

The minutes of the March 15, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. There is nothing unusual in the report. The Board was informed that the FY2015 preschool budget needed to be revised. The revision had been sent to DOE but had not been approved yet. As soon as it is approved, the request for reimbursement for March will be submitted. Dr. Roberts made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Corning gave the Board information about the recent audit. We have not had the exit conference at this time. Claims 118418-118489 were presented for payment. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Jackson. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Report - Ms. Corning informed the Board that Sara Sharpe had resigned her position of school psychologist at the end of March. Ms. Corning made a recommendation to employ Cailin Collins as a school psychologist for the 2016-2017 school year. She is currently working as a school psych intern and has done very well. Mr. Moorhead made a motion to employ Ms. Collins for the 2016-2017 school year as a school psychologist. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Mehrle inquired about the posting for the assistant director position. Alex Brewer informed the Board that the application deadline is Friday and that interviews will be set up the following week.

The preschool update was presented. Students who will be attending kindergarten in the fall are marked. Preschool classrooms will remain the same at this time.

Ms. Corning informed the Board about the options available and cost structure for the demonstration classroom that Hands In Autism would be providing services for. The costs would include travel, materials and staff. There are options for three levels of service at one or two locations. Discussion followed. Ms. Corning recommends that the Board enter into a contract with Hands In Autism for the 2-day per month program at 2 locations. The locations

would be determined at a later date. There will be a need to have more training in data collection and behavior management. The costs would be taken out of the general fund. It was questioned if the costs was negotiable. The Board would like for Ms. Corning to negotiate a contract with Hands In Autism and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Ms. Corning has gotten many questions about how preschool students will be served and who will incur the costs since several of the local corporations are starting to provide preschool programs. Students who qualify for the developmental preschool will still be served in that classroom. If a student could benefit from a community preschool, the student may be served in the school program. The Cooperative would pay on the same basis as we currently pay the community preschool. Transportation, speech therapy, teacher of record would be provided by the local school corporation. Discussion followed. The Board asked that the recommendations be brought back to the next meeting.

Other information presented included:

1. The Transition Fair will be held on April 25th at Milan High School. This will focus on information for parents to see what is available for their student with special needs.
2. June Board meeting will be held on June 21st.

A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.