

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

April 21, 2020

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 as a virtual meeting due to COVID-19. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Karl Galey at 9:01 a.m.

The agenda was presented for approval. There were not changes necessary. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Ketcham. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 17, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The reimbursement requests were emailed to the Board. As mentioned at last month's meeting, the FY 2020 619 grant was expended. The final reimbursement has been received. There is no longer a requirement to provide a final report. Claims 121751-121812 along with payroll vouchers were presented for approval. We did receive an invoice for the deductible for a due process hearing in the amount of \$10,000. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personal Update – Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of Kaylee Ables as a School Psychologist for the 2020-2021 school year. She is completing her internship and has done very well. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the hiring of Ms. Ables as a School Psychologist. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Resolution – Dr. Brewer presented the resolution to continue operations of the cooperative, including pay, benefits and necessary leaves for staff. Dr. Brewer let the Board know that the ROD office is covered M-F from 9:00-3:00. We are rotating staff who are coming into the office. Other staff is working from home. They can be contacted via email or by leaving a voice message at the office. Mr. Moorhead made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer gave a shout-out to all ROD staff as they have had to take on new procedures and are being flexible. Teachers with caseloads have reached out to classroom teachers and parent/students to provide help with implementing IEPs. The behavior consultants are working with parents to implement behavior plans at home. We are using a program called “Blue Ink” to obtain signatures on IEPs and permission forms. It should also be noted that we have received

over 1,000 IEPs from your teachers. Everyone is working hard to meet student needs. Mr. Galey, on behalf of the Board, thanked the entire ROD staff for going above and beyond to help students.

The preschool report was presented.

Staff Performance Evaluations – Dr. Brewer will be using Plan 2 as outlined by DOE. There has been discussion with the association about this.

ROD Office Relocation – Information was received with tentative numbers. Because projected costs will be over \$150,000 the project will need to be approved by the South Dearborn Board and let for bids. It will be approved by South Dearborn this evening. This could push the project out to the end of July. South Dearborn will provide space for storage as the current space needs to be vacated by July 1st. It is necessary to have space for five staff members to work starting July 1st at South Dearborn. Hoping to keep the project between \$170,000 and \$200,000. It is still possible to meet the timeline established.

Public Comments – none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.