

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

April 21, 2021

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the South Dearborn Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers – Milan, Alex Brewer and Missy Jones - ROD. Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del was absent.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 by Karl Galey.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Lows. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Roeder to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The reimbursement forms for the federal grants were shared. Federal non-public money will be spent by the end of June. On the local side, we are looking into professional development for the non-public schools so that we can spend down those funds. Mr. Galey questioned the negative balance on the Operations Fund. The fund was under appropriated in order to spend down the cash balance. A cash transfer will be requested in June. Claims 122261-122409 including payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update –

1. Debbie Wasinger has submitted her letter of retirement effective June 30, 2021. She has been a Cooperative employee for 48 years. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to accept the retirement letter. She thanked Mrs. Wasinger for a job well done. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Kaylee Ables submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. She will be relocating and unable to continue to commute. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the resignation. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Galey thanked Ms. Ables for her service. Motion carried.
3. Dr. Brewer informed the Board that he will be posting the secretary position. It will be reduced to a part-time hourly position.

Discussion Items –

1. Professional Development – Orton Gillingham is offering all training virtually. This training will be offered to the non-public schools. This program is very useful in helping to identify reading difficulties.
2. Hands-in-Autism – There are several identified teachers that would benefit from this training. It will be held in July virtually. ROD will fund this training.

The preschool update was presented. Dr. Brewer will be working on programs for the fall based on projected enrollment.

Legislative Update – Dr. Brewer presented summaries from ICASE Governmental Affairs and from IASBO regarding the proposed state budget. Some of the items in the budget include:

1. Medicaid billing – the state is encouraging increasing state utilization by increasing allowable services.
2. S5 – excess costs funds currently revert back to the state general fund. These funds will now stay and can be used for excess costs.
3. APC – major increase in funding. The funding will increase 5% this coming year for Level 1 and Level 2 students. The funding increases 10% the following year.
4. ARPA – there is a sizable amount of money that will be for Part B, about 20% additional money.

Public Comments – Cristy Nuhring, RODEA representative, encouraged members to make the teams for Hands training diverse. It's important that general education staff also participate in this training to ensure carryover.

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