

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

May 16, 2017

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, 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. Andrew Jackson was absent.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:28 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 9:32 a.m.

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The federal grant reimbursement requests were distributed. There is a revision to the Quarter 2 Proportionate Share report. A new report has been provided. The Quarter 3 Proportionate Share report was also provided. Claims 119331-119389, along with the payroll vouchers, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the financial report and the claims for payment. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Report - nothing to present at this time.

The NEOLA policies were presented for second reading and approval. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the NEOLA policies. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer has been invited to attend the Special Education Summit in Washington D.C. by the Indiana Council of Administrators in Special Education (ICASE) Government Affairs Committee. This will be held July 9-12, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve Dr. Brewer attending the Summit. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the preschool update along with a comparison of student numbers for past years. It is important to not only look at numbers but to also look at needs when

determining if another program is necessary. Sunman-Dearborn will be ending the year with a second session. It is recommended that this stay in place for next school year.

Dr. Brewer presented a quote to upgrade our phone system. We looked at two internet systems and also a traditional system. Mr. Galey recommended checking with Five Star Technologies for phone systems plus possibly combining some technology services. Dr. Brewer will contact Five Star to set up a meeting.

Dr. Brewer informed the Board of the HANDS summer institute to be held June 12-16 at North Dearborn Elementary. There are 20 people who are registered. The Board is invited to come to view the training on either Monday or Friday. Please let Dr. Brewer know when you will be coming.

Public Comments - none at this time.

Dr. Brewer would like to recognize the two teachers who have done an outstanding job implementing the HANDS in Autism program, Trina Schutte, Milan Elementary and Erin Wuestefeld, Aurora Elementary. Dr. Brewer described each teacher as going above and beyond the expectations of developing this new model. They both stepped up and took charge in the implementation. He is very appreciative of their hard work. Dr. Brewer presented each teacher with a certificate. He also has certificates for the paraprofessionals in each classroom. Cynda Ahlrich, principal at Milan Elementary, feels the program has helped those children so much and has seen many gains. Kyle Miller, assistant principal at Aurora Elementary, feels that not only has the program helped the students in that program but has also helped to shape the culture of the school.

There being no further business, Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.