

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

May 18, 2021

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the South Dearborn Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers – Milan, Alex Brewer and Missy Jones - ROD.

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 9:30 by Karl Galey.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. An item needs to be added under Action Items – Approve Stipend for Staff. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Lows to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. The federal reimbursement requests were provided. We are working on spending the non-public money. There have been 3 teachers who will be attending professional development. Claims 122410-122448 including payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items -

1. Personnel Update –
 - a. Dr. Brewer presented a letter of resignation from Ashley Sedler. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to accept the letter. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b. Dr. Brewer presented a recommendation to hire Brooke Level as an itinerant teacher/educational consultant. This position will provide services to the non-public schools and help with evaluations. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to accept the recommendation. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Contract Renewal –

Dr. Brewer presented a contract for renewal of speech therapy services provided by Soliant Health. The contract includes one day of service for ROD non-public students, 2 days of service to Rising Sun and 2 days for the first nine weeks for Milan. Rising Sun and Milan will be invoiced for their portion of the contract. A

motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the contract. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Approve Stipend for Staff –

Mr. Galey recommended a stipend for all staff up to \$500 prorated by the number of days worked pending discussion with the association. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve this recommendation. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Mr. Galey thanked the ROD staff for all of their work during this time and appreciates and recognizes the work they are doing. Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

ROD Cooperative Updates -

1. Dr. Brewer discussed providing training for paraprofessionals in the Intense Academic Classrooms. The training will be in August and will cover behavior and classroom choreography. Dr. Brewer will send out the invitations to the principals.
2. Program Curriculum Adoption – Dr. Brewer is looking into a different curriculum for the Intense Academic classrooms. He will pilot Teach Town in three elementary schools. Training will be conducted for those teachers. He is also looking at a social skills curriculum for the Intense Behavior classrooms.
3. Special Education Evaluation Assessments – with the costs increasing for testing protocols and test kits, Q-Interactive is a digital administration/scoring program that would provide immediate scoring, costs savings for protocols and saving time in administrating tests. We will start with the academic part of the testing as there is a need to update a test at this time. He is looking at the possibility of using federal funds to make this change.

Meetings for June and July will be held on the regular dates of June 15 and July 20.

Informational Items –

1. Preschool Update – the students moving to kindergarten have been taken off of the list. Classes will be looked at due to enrollment.
2. 2020-2021 ROD Services Summary – Dr. Brewer reviewed services provided after the separation. We have done well with the staff numbers in most areas with the correct FTE. Overall the staff is in good shape. We will continue to add a speech/language therapist for one day, and add a ½ teacher for non-public schools. We will continue to monitor the other areas.

Public Comments – April Vater, RODEA representative, commented that we are anxious to have our additional parking space.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.