

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

June 18, 2019

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the Southeastern Career Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – JacCenDel, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 by Karl Galey.

A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. The federal grant reimbursement forms were distributed. Semi-annual certification forms were also handed out. These need to be signed and kept with the federal grant information. Claims 121060-121079 and 121087-121152 along with payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the financial report. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel – Dr. Brewer informed the Board of four resignations: Sonja Southard – Interpreter, Britney Laker – speech/language pathologist, Kimm Hackworth – school psychologist, and Jessica Ricke – job coach. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to accept these resignations. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer recommended the transfer of Trina Schutte from educational consultant to behavior consultant. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to make this transfer. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentation of Budgets – Dr. Brewer gave a year end review of all funds which include projected vs. actual expenditures. The Education Fund is being changed along with the FY 2020 Federal Grants to move all ROD staff to the local budgets and all transfer positions to the federal grants. This change was made in order to expend the federal grants prior to separation. It is noted that the number of staff on the Education Fund cannot be compared to last year as the numbers were different. Dr. Jackson had a question regarding excess cost contracts and the ADM/APC. They are charged this amount to ROD in the budget process but then are also responsible for paying this as part of the costs for the contract. Discussion followed. It was determined that Dr. Brewer would have a proposal ready for the next meeting regarding the ADM/APC for students who have an excess cost contract. Dr. Jackson commented about the cash balance. He feels there has been an increase in the cash balance over the last several years and feels this needs to be addressed. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the budgets as presented. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Dr. Jackson and Mr. Ketcham feel that the cash

balance should be used to offset the 2019-2020 budget. Motion carried by a 6-2 vote with Batesville and Sunman-Dearborn voting against the motion.

Dr. Brewer presented contracts with Stepping Stones for a School Psychologist and Soliant Health for a part-time Speech/Language Pathologist. Both positions are for one year. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to approve the contracts. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The second reading of the NEOLA policy 3131 was held. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the revised policy. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion Items – Dr. Brewer said that Batesville and Sunman-Dearborn were not ready to come to this meeting with a plan for staff as they would like to have their directors help to make these decisions. He held a conference call with Susan Trainor Chastain and she will start working on the separation agreement. This document will help in the planning process and will define the rights and responsibilities of the ROD staff.

With the resignation of the job coach, Dr. Brewer met with staff from New Horizons about providing these services as they had done in the past. There would be no costs to the schools as this will be paid for with a grant for vocational rehabilitation. It will be important that schools accept these people and provide space for them. This will be advantageous to the students as many of them will continue with New Horizons after high school.

Public Comments – Cristy Nuhring, ROD association representative, would like to know what comes next in addition to bargaining the next contract. Our staff, along with doing their current jobs, have a lot of anxiety in regards to not knowing about their job/position for the next year. She asked that the Board be transparent in the planning process.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at South Dearborn Central Office starting at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.