

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

June 21, 2022

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 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 9:33 a.m. in accordance with 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 9:36 a.m. by Karl Galey.

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

Public Comments - none

Consent Items –

The minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting were presented. Mrs. Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal grant reimbursement forms were distributed. The ARPA 611 grant revision was approved and a copy of the approval letter was presented. Data verification was completed on June 10th. This is necessary before DOE can release federal grant allocations. Assurance forms were completed and submitted on June 20th. By submitting them prior to July 1, we will be able to claim expenses from July 1 onward. Semi-Annual Certification forms were distributed. These need to be signed and kept with the federal grant files at each corporation. Claims 123023-123085, along with payroll vouchers, were presented for payment. The only thing to note was that 4 staff members who had resigned were paid out in June. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Dr. Brewer presented the personnel update. These are his recommendations:

1. Ellen Laub – Occupational Therapist, full time. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mrs. Rogers to approve. Motion carried.
2. Erin Wuestefeld – Educational Consultant to service the non-public schools. Mr. Middleton made a motion to approve the hiring. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Maria Jodice – Secretary for Student Records – part-time, approximately 14 hours per week. Mr. Roeder made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Moorhead. Motion carried.
4. Kylie Goodall – Social Worker – maternity leave to begin at the beginning of school and will return around September 12. Mr. Middleton made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Lows. Motion carried.

Remote Work Policy – This meeting serves as the second reading. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton to approve the policy. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

Teacher of Record Update – Missy Jones discussed that currently there are about 20 teachers who are not appropriately licensed to serve as Teacher of Record and there are several positions still open. This is due to the changes that were made to licensing requirements at the State level. These teachers can serve as Teacher of Service.

Dr. Brewer discussed that two ROD staff members were recently trained using Crisis Response and De-Escalation Training program. It is a little different than what we are currently using. Pros and Cons were presented. The Board would like Dr. Brewer to present a recommendation at the July meeting.

Information Items –

Budget Planning for 2022-2023 – Since we have not received our allocations for federal funding from DOE yet, and don't expect them in the near future, we are having difficulty creating our budget. Dr. Brewer will be sending out a form to be completed with staff salaries and benefits. Discussion followed about bringing a budget to the August meeting using last year's federal grant numbers to determine what local costs will be.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.