

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

July 18, 2014

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Friday, July 18, 2014 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Charlie Blake-Sunman Dearborn, Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg,, Paul Ketcham-Milan, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Bill Narwold-Jac-Cen-Del, Branden Roeder-Rising Sun, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:04 a.m. until 9:25 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1(b)(1) & (b)(2)(A). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mehrle at 9:28 a.m.

The minutes of the June 10, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried with six voting to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Roeder and Mr. Narwold abstained from the vote.

The financial report and the reimbursement requests were presented for approval. Explanation was given as to how the reimbursement reports are compiled. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Ketcham to accept the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Marcia Fullenkamp presented the board with a revised grant application for the federal Part B 611 grant. A change had been made at the state level to the number of non-public school students that were counted in the original application. Because of this, the amount of money that needed to be spent on non-public school students was reduced. The difference was applied to the supplies/materials line at this time. This budget can be modified at any time. This budget received conditional approval from DOE pending acceptance of the MOE from each of the corporations. We have also received approval on our Part B 619 preschool application. The Form 9 has been submitted and will be complete after Dr. Mehrle signs and it is faxed into DOE. The final item presented was the general fund ADM with the comparison for September ADM vs. February ADM.

Claims 116887-116943 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The personnel update included the resignation of Janice Huter. Ms. Corning recommended the hiring of Mayo Fujiki as a school psychology intern. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the hiring of Ms. Fujiki. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. We will continue with the half day programs at Batesville, Lawrenceburg and Sunman-Dearborn. There will be full day programs at Jac-Cen-Del and South Dearborn.

Liability insurance - quotes were received from Selective Insurance, our current carrier, and Indiana Insurance in late June. The quote from Indiana Insurance was about \$800 more than Selective. The issue with Selective is that we had originally been told that we could use or own attorney but had

recently been informed that we could no longer do this. Because of the change in who could act as the attorney, we were delayed when we entered into a hearing with a parent. The deductible was also more for Indiana Insurance. The terrorism insurance was declined. Our agent recommended that we include a policy for the students who go out into business for job training. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to change the insurance carrier to Indiana Insurance. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. The Board would like information on the insurance premium in May so as not to have to act hastily. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning met last week with the staff from Margaret Mary Health on the Occupational Therapy services contract for this coming year. They have asked for a 4% increase in pay, ipad/laptop for each therapist, to be included in in-service opportunities, and mileage reimbursement. They are also proposing providing only one more year of therapy. Ms. Corning is recommending that we take back the students at Batesville Middle and High school. This would cut the caseload down by 1/3. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to allow Ms. Corning to negotiate a contract with Margaret Mary Health for the coming year. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented a revision on Seclusion & Restraint to be included in the ROD procedure manual. This change aligns with DOE language. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the policy as written. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented a revision to the Section 504 Notice of Parent/Student Rights to be included in the ROD procedure manual. The new document removes the grievance procedure. This is to be given to the parent at initial identification and at each conference. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the document with the changes presented by Ms. Corning. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Mr. Moorhead modified his motion to approve the changes in this document and to give flexibility to use as necessary. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Corning reminded the Board that there will be training for the 504 coordinators on Thursday, August 21 at the ROD office.

Other items presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. Sandi Mahl-PATINS project will present information to the administrators on the use of Universal Design and also assistive technology support so that all students have access to the curriculum.
2. Orton Gillingham training is scheduled for September 15-19.
3. Autism training on Peer Modeling will be held in early November.
4. There is an opportunity for school personnel to attend a topical conference on Assistive Technology on August 27 at Clifty Falls.
5. Dates for speech therapy meetings were distributed.
6. New teacher meeting will be held on August 18 from 12:00-3:00 at ROD.
7. Information was presented on what positions ROD will reimburse each school corporation. This information will also be sent to the local treasurers.
8. Semi-Annual certification forms were distributed. They should be signed and kept with information on federal grants.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19th at 9:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Roberts. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.