

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

July 20, 2021

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 20, 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 meeting was called to order at 9:02 by Karl Galey.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Roeder. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items -

The minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Middleton to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal reimbursement requests were provided. The June 30, 2021 cash balance was \$809,703.76. Transfers totaling \$220,212.29 were made to the Operations Fund and the Preschool Fund. The FY21 611 grant has been spent. The FY21 619 grant will be finished in July. A modification request was approved for the 619 grant due to some changes in salaries and benefits. FY 2022 grant information was received. There was only a slight increase in funding. We have been contacted by Crowe LLP who will be conducting our audit for State Board of Accounts. Information was sent to them to start the process. Claims 122507-122548 along with payroll vouchers were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Lows and seconded by Mr. Roeder to approve the claims. Motion carried.

Action Items –

1. Dr. Brewer presented three resignations. Kara Docter – COTA, Michelle Roell – OT, and Kennedy Oser – Social Worker. Mrs. Rogers made a motion to accept the resignations. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer asked for authority to hire staff prior to the next meeting. Mr. Moorhead made that motion seconded by Mr. Roeder. Motion carried.
2. Dr. Brewer presented the 2021-2022 local and federal budgets. Dr. Brewer discussed upcoming changes to APC and how it will affect the budget. He will be reviewing the students with disabilities DD, EDFT and EDAO to determine if they are appropriately placed. We are still waiting on the new ARP grant information to determine how that money will be used. All schools, along with OT, PT and preschool speech are now billing for Medicaid reimbursement. This money will come directly to the schools. A motion to approve the budgets as

presented was made by Mr. Lows. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. The ROD Reopening Plan for 2021-2022 was presented. Dr. Brewer explained that the plan states that we will follow what the individual corporation schools are doing. Masks and social distancing will be voluntary at our office. Fully vaccinated staff will be exempt from quarantine unless they have a positive test.

Discussion Items –

1. ROD Update – virtual trainings are being scheduled for administrators on August 13th. Paraprofessional training will be in person on August 2 and 3. New teacher training will be in person on August 20 at South Dearborn Middle School. We are looking at a different option for full teacher training. May use a google meet format or monthly office hours directed to specific disability areas.

Public Comments – None

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.