

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

August 19, 2014

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: 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, John Williams-Sunman Dearborn, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1. The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mehrle at 9:49 a.m.

The minutes of the July 18, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Ketcham to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The treasurers from each corporation were present to discuss reporting of federal grant information. Charlie Blake - Sunman-Dearborn discussed findings from a recent audit. Marcia Fullenkamp requested that when request for reimbursement are sent in that they be separated into local and federal funds. This would be beneficial to everyone so that the correct federal reimbursement can be recorded.

The financial report and the reimbursement requests for federal grants were presented for approval. Claims 116944-116999 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Galey and seconded by Dr. Roberts to accept the reports as presented and to pay the claims. Motion carried. We have received the bill for Indiana Insurance but terrorism insurance was included in the invoice. Ms. Corning tried to contact the insurance agent but had not been able to reach him. A motion was made by Dr. Williams to pay the insurance claim minus the terrorism insurance. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented the personnel report. A letter of resignation had been received from Marie Bonnlander, paraprofessional, prior to the start of school. Ms. Corning presented an Intent to Employ for Christine Dittmer as an Educational Consultant. There was a need to open a new preschool program for hearing impaired students. This will be a half-day program housed at Sunman Elementary. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the personnel report. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried. Due to not being able to hire any school psychologist, Ms. Corning is recommending entering into a contract with LMN Educational Contracting Group to complete psychological assessments at some of our schools. Initial and re-evaluations would be conducted at a cost of \$575 each. This group would also provide RTI inservice for our schools. A motion was made by Mr. Narwold to approve entering into a contract with LMN Educational Contracting Group. Dr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. The Milan group is quite large. As stated before, a new preschool class for hearing impaired students will be starting August 25th. Sarah Watts will be the teacher for these students. There will also be an interpreter in this class. Lori Trimble, will be coming in one day a week to help with the hearing impaired students in the local schools.

Information about the contract with Margaret Mary Health was shared by Ms. Corning. After our last meeting she met with the coordinator of outpatient services and agreed to a 2% increase in rates. They will also be charging for mileage. This will be the final year of providing OT in the schools.

Ms. Corning again brought to the Board's attention that there are many classrooms that ROD reimburses for that are serving mild disabilities students. As agreed at the May meeting, ROD will only reimburse for 50% if these classes are serving other students than what should be served. Discussion followed.

Other information provided by Ms. Corning included:

1. Sandi Mahl - PATINS, has presented to principals and ROD staff about Universal Design. She has much knowledge about the subject and would be a great resource.
2. Orton-Gillingham training will be September 15-19. A refresher course will be on September 22.
3. There is assistive technology training at Clifty Falls on August 27.
4. The ROD meeting will be held on Friday, September 12th due to training being held on September 16th.
5. Autism training will be held on November 7th. It is necessary to have a school counselor, special education teacher and general education teacher present from each building.
6. RTI training will be held but no date has been set.

Public comments - there were none.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to adjourn. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.