

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

August 10, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at the Southeastern Career Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Milan, Rob Moorhead - South Ripley, Bill Narwold - Batesville, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del and Alex Brewer - ROD. John Mehrle was absent.

The Board met in executive session from 1:00 p.m. until 1:55 p.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moorhead at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda and asked for approval. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the presented agenda. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Narwold to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The increase in the cash balance is due to receiving the first participating shares payment. Since the Board is meeting earlier in the month, this will facilitate getting the federal reimbursement request in and getting payment the same month. The July reimbursement requests were presented for FY2016 611 and 619. The final report for the FY2015 619 was presented. The FY2017 grant applications for the 611 and 619 grant were emailed to DOE on June 23rd. There has been no contact from them about approval. Two contacts have been made with no response being received. The MOE was released on Tuesday. It is due back to DOE by September 15th. It will be forwarded to the local treasurers for completion. Claims 118681-118733 were presented for payment. We received the bill from SBOA for the audit. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to accept the financial report as presented and approve the claims for payment. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update - Dr. Brewer introduced Brooke Levell as the new Assistant Director. A recommendation for employment was presented by Dr. Brewer for Andrea Engel-Dixon as an occupational therapist. She has 13 years of varied experiences outside of the school setting. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the hiring of Ms. Engel-Dixon. Mr. Galey seconded the motion.

Dr. Brewer presented a contract for psychological testing services from LMN Education Consulting Group. We have a need for these services as we are currently unable to find any

school psychologists in this area. LMN will primarily be providing school psych services for Batesville and Jac-Cen-Del schools. ROD will still provide the school psychologist to conduct referral meetings and consultant services. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to enter into a contract with LMN Education Consulting Group. Mr. Narwold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other information presented included:

1. Dr. Brewer shared with the Board information regarding the paraprofessional training through the Master Teacher. We have a program that provides unlimited licenses and more training topics available. We were able to secure this at a lower cost than in the past.
2. There will be a second Administrator Training on August 16th from 8:00-12:00 at ROD.
3. New special education teacher training will be held on Thursday, September 8th at ROD. This will be an all day training broken into two sessions, morning focusing on special education principals, afternoon session focusing on the IIEP system.
4. CPI trainings, new and re-certification, are scheduled for several dates in August and September.
5. The preschool update was presented. Dr. Brewer answered questions about upcoming placements.

Dr. Brewer would like to look at Administrative Guideline 63201 that deals with reimbursement of teacher and paraprofessionals. He would like to continue to reimburse for salary and benefits. A question has come up about reimbursing for retirement severance and sick days. It was the consensus of the group to continue to reimburse for the salary and benefits, no retirement severance or sick days.

Karen Sharp has offered to provide an inservice on 504 compliance. The date has not been set yet. This would be for building administrators/504 coordinators. Once a date has been confirmed information will be shared with the schools.

The next Board meeting will be held at the regular scheduled time on September 14th. The October Board meeting will be moved to Wednesday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Brewer informed the Board of the meeting dates for the speech/language therapists.

Public Comments - Brooke Levell thanked the Board for the welcome. She has been to many of the buildings but not all. She is looking forward to working with everyone.

Having no further business, Dr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Narwold seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.