

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

August 15, 2017

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Melissa Burton - Batesville, Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, John Mehrle - South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead - South Ripley, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:35 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moorhead at 9:45 a.m.

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

The minutes of the July 24, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Participating shares had been received in July thus increasing the cash balance. MOE information is due in our office today so that it can be compiled and sent on to DOE to obtain final approval on the FY2018 611 grant. The FY2017 611 grant will need to be amended. This will be given to you at the next meeting. Federal grant reimbursement requests were distributed. Claims 119519-119552 along with payroll vouchers were presented for payment, A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the financial report as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Report - Dr. Brewer recommends Christy Harris as the Evaluation Assistant for one year. This position is necessary to support the VocoVision psychologist. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the hiring of Ms. Harris. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A new policy regarding Teacher Appreciation Grants was presented. Due to the need to have this approved prior to September 15th, Dr. Brewer asked to suspend the second reading of this policy. Mr. Taylor made a motion to suspend the second reading of the policy. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer presented the policy that states there will be a 25% difference in compensation between teachers rated effective and highly effective. Mr. Galey made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a contract with LMN Consulting to provide school psychology services for the 2017-2018 school year. The contract is the same as last year. Angie McKinney will be doing approximately 2 evaluations a month. A motion to approve the contract was made by Mr. Galey. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. This service will be provided mainly in Jac-Cen-Del schools. Motion carried.

A new contract was presented for school psychology services to be provided by Janice Huter. Janice previously worked for ROD as a school psychologist. She is available to work one day a week to evaluate students in Jac-Cen-Del, Milan and South Ripley. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to approve the contact. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a change to the professional staff evaluation rubrics. This change has been discussed with the association. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the change to the evaluation rubrics. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer is not ready to present an applicant for the Job Coach position at this time. The candidate would work in the schools the first few weeks to get an understanding of what the student would like to do. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to allow the hiring of the job coach prior to the September board meeting. Mrs. Burton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A new policy for transporting students by private vehicle was presented. Dr. Brewer explained that he has been in contact with our insurance carrier and that the policy coincides with the liability insurance requirements. ROD coverage would take over after the personal liability has been expended. Currently, this is only necessary for the Job Coach. A suggestion was made that there should be a BMV check to make sure there are no issues. Dr. Brewer will make the necessary changes to the policy and bring it back to the Board for approval.

Discussion items:

1. Dr. Brewer presented a list of upcoming training dates and topics. CPI, new teacher, preschool core training and CCC member trainings have been scheduled. Speech therapists are in the process of developing a list of training dates and topics.
2. HANDS programs are going. North Dearborn is the new program for this year. Chris Dittmer is setting up visits for other schools and sharing the knowledge that she has learned with other teachers.

The preschool update was presented. There were questions about current classlists. Dr. Brewer informed the Board about changes to Developmental Delay classification and how that will provide services to students up to age 9 who in the past may have been exited from special education because they did not fit a specific disability category.

Public Comments - Chris Dittmer, speaking on behalf of the ROD Educators Association, wanted to thank the Board for the approval of the evaluation assistant to help the psychs at our office as well as the VocoVision psychologist.

The next meeting is September 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the South Dearborn Superintendent's office.

A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to adjourn. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.