

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

August 16, 2022

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the South Dearborn Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers – Milan, Fred Unsicker – Jac-Cen-Del, and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. – 9:18 a.m. in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:21 a.m. by Jane Rogers.

Public Comments - none

The agenda was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting were presented. Mr. Galey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal reimbursements were provided in the packet. The FY 2022 611 and 619 grants have both been spent and the final reports are provided for your review. Discussion last month centered around which ROD staff could be used to help the local corporations meet their state threshold. Information was presented that the DOE did not feel any of our staff could be used. Claims 123128-123168 along with payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Dr. Brewer presented the information for the approval of the FY 2023 611 and 619 grants. The 611 allocation was about \$40,000 different. He does not feel that there will be a need to adjust the local budget. The 619 budget was only about \$2,000 different. These budgets are used to reimburse teachers and paraprofessionals. Once the funding is spent, we move to the local budgets. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the budgets. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried. These will be sent to DOE after they are reviewed and signed.

Dr. Brewer presented the COVID Return to Work Plan. There were some slight changes to quarantine restrictions. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the plan. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) Policy was presented. There were no changes. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the policy. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Staff Evaluation Plan was presented. There were some minor changes to the plan. Staff with three years or less of ROD experience will receive 2 long and 1 short evaluations. Staff with more than three years of ROD experience will receive 1 long and 1 short evaluation. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve the changes to the plan. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

ROD Cooperative Update – Dr. Brewer recommends keeping the CPI training model but make the recertification a full day to incorporate the Indiana law information.

Out of District Placements – Dr. Brewer has received more information regarding the amount that each corporation will be responsible for SEEC contracts. Each contract will require a corporation to pay \$26,284.53. Beginning July 1, 2023, all contracts will be on a fiscal year. Discussion followed regarding who is responsible for the costs. A policy will be developed to describe the responsibility. The suggestion is that the corporation and cooperative split the local costs 50/50. The corporation would be liable up to \$20,000. The cooperative would be liable up to \$60,000. After that, the costs would be split 50/50 again. The policy will be presented at the next meeting.

Informational Items –

Preschool Update – The preschool update was presented. No questions regarding the current programming.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.