

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

September 15, 2020

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun and Alex Brewer - ROD. Rob Moorhead – South Ripley and Jane Rogers - Milan participated remotely.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 – 9:28 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(2)(A) and 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 by Karl Galey at 9:30 a.m.

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

The minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The reimbursement request for the FY 2021 619 grant was provided. The FY 2021 611 grant has not been approved yet, therefore, we cannot request reimbursement. If we receive approval on the grant, the reimbursement request will be sent in at that time. We had received one of the payments for participating shares in August resulting in a larger than normal receipt during the month. Claims 122004-122055 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.

Personnel Update –

1. Dr. Brewer presented a letter of retirement for Darryl Gibbs, School Social Worker effective September 4, 2020. Darryl was one of the first school social workers employed by ROD having worked for over 20 years. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton to approve the retirement. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Dr. Brewer recommended reducing the educational consultant position held by Cristy Nuhring to 160 days. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve reducing the contract. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Dr. Brewer presented a request for maternity leave for Sarah Swinney. Her leave will be from October 12-December 12. Mr. Middleton made a motion to approve the maternity leave. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Dr. Brewer asked for permission to be able to fill the school social worker position and the maternity leave before the next board meeting. Mr. Roeder made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy 3220.01 required approval for submission to the state. There are no changes from last year to the policy. There is a 25% difference in the amount of funds between Qualified and Highly Qualified ratings. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve the policy. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Changes have been made to the Staff Evaluation Rubric. The requirement for the Student/Professional Learning Objective has been removed. The rubric covers certified staff and administrators. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the changes to the rubric. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding funding preschool students was held. Because students attend a program in a different LEA, should students be counted by the educating school? That school is responsible for providing the admin, nursing, custodial services, etc. for those students. There is no ADM assigned to these students, only APC money. South Ripley currently serves the school age students in the Intense Academic classes for Jac-Cen-Del. Recent information obtained from DOE indicates that the money should follow the student. Mr. Moorhead believes that this is what is best for students. The concern is in regards to costs associated with transporting these students.

A recess was held from 10:00-10:47 to listen to the DOE Update.

Dr. Brewer asked if this is something that needs to be addressed in the Interlocal Agreement. There are some other areas where he would like to possibly make some changes. It was decided to keep this matter on the agenda for the next meeting. The Board also directed Dr. Brewer to set up a virtual work session to look at the other areas of the Interlocal Agreement that need to be addressed.

The preschool update was presented. There are several students not on the list yet as we are still awaiting permission to evaluate them. Also, all classes have at least one student who is attending virtually. These students are receiving services along with the therapies that are listed in the IEP.

Dr. Brewer gave a ROD Cooperative Update:

1. There will be training for Medicaid claiming this week. ROD staff can claim for occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy. The schools can claim transportation for the days that those therapies are delivered.
2. Regarding COVID-19 cases, please notify ROD so that contact tracing can occur for our staff as well.
3. Virtual parent training was held last week to help parents with setting up a work area for the students and also how to deal with behaviors. It is recorded and available for others to access
4. TeachTown training was held for teachers of the Intense Academic classes yesterday. It has also been recorded and available.

Public Comments – Cristy Nuhring, represented of RODEA complimented the schools and students for working so well and being well behaved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.