

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

September 17, 2019

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville,, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del , Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, and Alex Brewer - ROD. Eric Lows – South Dearborn was absent

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:25 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Galey at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Brewer made some changes to the presented agenda, add minutes of the August 20, 2019 SEA 390 hearing and minutes of the August 27, 2019 Executive Session. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 20, 2019 regular meeting, the August 20, 2019 SEA 390 Hearing, and the August 27, 2019 executive session were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Conditional approval was received for the FY2020 611 grant. Final approval will be given after MOE is met by all corporations. Dr. Brewer reminded the Board that we will spend out the federal grants first so the cash balance won't go down as quickly as it has in the past. It is anticipated that the federal grants will be spent in the spring and then all costs will be shifted to the local funds. Federal grant reimbursements were distributed. Claims 121242-121314 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. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer recognized the passing of Jane Vorbroker. Jane had worked for ROD since 1996 and had impacted the lives of many with her services. He thanked the Board for their support during this difficult time.

Dr. Brewer recommended hiring Laraine Kraus as a part-time non-public paraprofessional for students at St. Nicholas. She will be working 1 ½ days. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the hiring of Ms. Kraus. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A contract with Tommie Roesch for O & M services was presented. Dr. Brewer explained the need for this service. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to approve the contract. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In order to serve the preschool speech students with the passing of Ms. Vorbroker, Dr. Brewer presented a contract for speech services with Margaret Mary Health. This position is for 2 days a week currently but could go to 3 days if the need arises. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the contract. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Dr. Brewer explained that the current contractor will be increased to full time to cover all the students. Motion carried.

Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy 3220.01 – Dr. Brewer presented the policy. There were no changes from last year. The policy meets the guidelines required by DOE. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the policy. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented.

Missy Jones gave an update on the upcoming Transition Fair. It will be held at South Dearborn High School on Thursday, September 19 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. There will be sessions along with 17 vendors to visit.

Effective July 1, 2019, the general assembly reduced the amount that schools are required to contribute to the Teacher Retirement Fund. This 2% savings, \$21,493.50, will be used for compensation and benefits.

ROD Reorganization – Dr. Brewer updated the Board that after the executive session, a discussion meeting was held with the ROD EA. The meeting looked at the process of voluntary and involuntary transfers along with working with Batesville and Sunman-Dearborn to determine terms for transferring employees. There will be another meeting next week regarding this issues.

Public Comments – Mr. Moorhead commented that he had heard that the CPI trainings had been going well and thanked ROD for providing these trainings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.