

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

September 18, 2018

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, Travis Rohrig – Jac-Cen-Del, and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jackson at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to accept the agenda as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer is recommending moving Kim Littlefield from part-time to full-time employment. Kim is supporting the two VocoVision psychologists. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve moving from part-time to full-time employment. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve as presented. Mr. Rohrig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. MOE for the FY2019 grants was submitted. We are waiting for final approval. We have been able to stretch the FY2018 grant a little beyond 12 months. Claims 120411-120483 along with payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. The class at Lawrenceburg is growing. In the future it may be necessary to look at programming for students who will be transitioning to kindergarten and possibly start that process second semester.

Dr. Brewer updated the Board on the services provided by the behavior consultant(s). Currently Chris Dittmer is serving in this capacity with the help of Trina Schutte, Missy Jones and Brooke Levell. Services have been provided in all corporations and almost all schools. When there is a request for help, the consultant goes in and assesses the program, physical structure of the room, visual supports being used, HANDS recommendations, etc. It is important that for the program to be successful, there must be support from the building administration. It is necessary for us to receive feedback in order to continue to provide useful services. Discussion followed as to what is the HANDS model based on, ABA, etc. It was noted that a short handout describing the HANDS philosophy would be very helpful.

Dr. Brewer is working on a newsletter that would be distributed monthly to administrators and teachers that would include resources, tips, and reminders. The first issue is almost ready for distribution.

Dr. Brewer informed the Board about a recent training that was held at the ROD office explaining MTSS (multi-tiered systems of support). Angie McKinney with the Indiana IEP Resource Center discussed how this process looks at the whole child, not just the difficulties the child is having in language arts or math. The state ESSA plan's goal is to close the gap on test scores between general education students and special education students.

Public Comments – none

A motion was made by Mr. Rohrig to adjourn. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.