

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

September 19, 2017

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, 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 9:25 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. Moorhead at 9:30 a.m.

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

The minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. MOE information was submitted to DOE and final approval was received for the FY2018 grants. The FY2017 611 grant has been amended and submitted to DOE for approval. Federal grant reimbursement requests were distributed. Claims 119553-119647 along with payroll vouchers were presented for payment, Dr. Jackson asked if there was any financial relief with the closing of All Saints Academy for non-public participating shares. Dr. Brewer explained that we have an amount of money that is designated as non-public based on the December 1 count. Dr. Brewer informed the Board that ROD is going to reimburse South Dearborn for the additional teacher that was placed in the severe disabilities classroom at the high school. There haven't been as many requests for teacher assistants at the beginning of the school year as in previous years. We still have a few requests to review. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the financial report as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update - Dr. Brewer is recommending hiring Sarah Swinney, COTA, for an upcoming maternity leave. This will be for approximately 8-12 weeks starting at the end of October. She has worked for ROD in the past and knows the procedure for services. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mr. Ketcham to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer is recommending the hiring of Jessica Ricke as the job coach. This would be retroactive to the start of the school year. The position is currently for 4 days per week at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. This may need to increase to 5 days per week depending on need. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve and seconded by Mrs. Rogers. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the maternity leave request for Brittany Helton, COTA. This will be for 12 weeks starting the first week of November. Mr. Ketcham made a motion to approve the leave request. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the maternity leave request for Ricka Cutter - OT. The leave will be for 9 weeks beginning around November 6th. When she returns in January she will work for 3 days per week instead of her current 4 days per week and then return to regular schedule in February. Mr. Roeder made the motion to accept the leave request. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The NEOLA policy regarding transporting students was presented for the second reading. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the policy. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer wanted to begin discussion on how to implement the Teacher Appreciation Grant since the money will flow through the local school corporations instead of coming directly to the Cooperative. We have 28 teachers who would be eligible for the money. He feels that the best way to do it would be that once the per teacher amount is determined at each school, use the participating shares and divide the teachers accordingly. Discussion followed. Dr. Jackson likes this idea because it is based on students and this is how the participating shares are determined. More discussion will follow at the October meeting.

Information items - Dr. Brewer wanted the Board to know that ROD is available to provide professional development to the local corporations. In-service was provided to the South Dearborn Elementary schools last week and was well received. Lawrenceburg will be receiving training in the near future.

The preschool report was presented.

Public comments - none.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to adjourn. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.