

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

July 17, 2012

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 17 2012 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Ted Ahaus, Cheryl Corning, Karl Galey, Jeff Hendrix, John Merhle, Steve Patz, Leanna Phillippe, and Tom Reale,

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:07 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1(b)(1) & (b)(2)(A). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reale at 9:12 a.m.

The minutes of the June 5, 2012 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Patz and seconded by Mr. Galey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable vouchers (115149-115176) were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle and seconded by Dr. Hendrix to approve the payment of these vouchers. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented the personnel recommendations for Melinda Koehne as Teacher of Blind/Low Vision and Jamma Kelly to move from school psychologist to the Assistant Director position. Ms. Kelly will retain all benefits from Sunman-Dearborn. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to approve these recommendations. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning informed the Board that there is a need at South Ripley Elementary school to increase the personnel in the severe disabilities classroom. She has recommended that the principal look for a licensed teacher to fill the position. This would create two classrooms. If unable to find a teacher, a paraprofessional could be hired. This position would be paid with federal funds.

The following individuals were recommended for employment after voluntary resignation from Sunman-Dearborn schools:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Sue Baer	School Social Worker
Ashley Clements	School Psychologist
Melissa DuVall	School Psychologist
Karen Gates	Speech/Language Pathologist
Darryl Gibbs	School Social Worker
Kimberly Hackworth	School Psychologist
Werner Hallabrin	Educational Consultant
Melissa Jones	Assistant Director
Yvonda Kramer	Educational Consultant
Shirley Lemon	Educational Consultant
Fran Moore	School Social Worker
Tara Moorman	School Social Worker
Peggy Norman	Speech/Language Pathologist

Cristy Nuhring
Janelle Rainey
Renee Rogers
Lesia Stenger
Jane Vorbroker
Steve Wagner
Sarah Watts

Preschool Coordinator
School Psychologist
School Psychologist
Educational Consultant
Speech/Language Pathologist
School Psychologist
Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing

A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle and seconded by Mr. Galey to employ these people as staff for the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative. There are still three people who have not yet submitted their resignations. Action will be taken on them at the next meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Patz to give Ms. Corning the authority to employ any staff that is needed prior to the next Board meeting. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning asked the Board if it were possible to employ the assistive technology coordinator on a contract basis instead of a time card. It would also be helpful to increase her days to 170 days as she currently works four days per week. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to employ the assistive technology coordinator for 170 days at \$48,055 per year. Mr. Patz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented policies that need Board action in order to apply for tax exempt status. These policies are for Non-Discrimination, Credit Card Use, Payment of Claims and Conflict of Interest. Discussion followed. Dr. Hendrix made a motion to accept the policies. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion about the use of the NEOLA policies followed as to whether ROD is able to use these. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to pursue a contract with NEOLA for Board policies. Mr. Patz seconded the motion. In pursuing the contract, look into the possibility of obtaining a better rate since not all areas will be needed for ROD. Motion carried. Dr. Mehrle will contact NEOLA to set up a meeting.

Ms. Corning suggested that we use the RISE model for staff evaluations with adaptations for school psychologists, speech/language pathologists and other groups. She and Missy Jones have been through the training. Jamma Kelly will attend the training in the fall. A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe and seconded by Mr. Ahaus to approve the use of the adapted RISE model. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented for review. There is some work to be done to get the federal grants updated. The documentation to be completed for Maintenance of Effort will be sent to the corporation treasurers soon. This is needed to complete the federal grant applications.

Ms. Corning presented information about how much funding has been received by the corporations who have billed for Medicaid services. Schools are also able to bill for administrative services through IMAC.

Ms. Corning presented these other items of interest:

1. New teacher training will be on August 10 from 8:00-3:00 at ROD.
2. Questions about the Cooperative providing supplies money for the severe disabilities and emotional handicapped classes followed. The Board decided that the local corporations will provide the funding thus eliminating the need to bill back to ROD.
3. In order to help the schools get their assistive technology materials quicker, it would be helpful to have someone from each corporation come and pick up this equipment.
4. We need approval to enter into Section 125 and 403b programs. A motion was made by

- Mr. Patz and seconded by Dr. Phillippe to enter into these programs. Motion carried.
5. Mr. Galey asked that, if at all possible, teacher training days be spread out so that not all teachers are out on the same day. Is it possible to record the training for those who cannot attend.
 6. Negotiations need to begin after August 1.
 7. ROD has a new website at www.rodspecialeducation.org. It would be helpful to have this website linked to all of the school websites.
 8. The posting for the school psychologist position, vacated by Jamma Kelly, has been sent to several universities and posted on the DOE website.
 9. There is an opening for a severe disabilities teacher at East Central High School

Mr. Galey has had contact with the company that is opening a nursing hospital for pediatric patients in his corporation. Currently, there is only one patient but they intend to have it at capacity once some issues with Medicaid can be resolved. There needs to be some communication with the company and with ROD as to what services will be provided and by whom.

A motion was made Mr. Galey to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Patz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Marcia A. Fullenkamp, Recoding Secretary