

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

August 21, 2012

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman-Dearborn, Gloria Holland-Rising Sun, Rob Moorhead-South Dearborn, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Tom Reale-Milan, Jim Roberts-Batesville, Bob Rollins-South Dearborn, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Reale at 9:05 a.m.

The minutes of the July 17, 2012 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Galey and seconded by Dr. Hendrix to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Claims 115178-115217 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Hendrix. Motion carried.

Recommendations for employment were presented by Ms. Corning. The following people were those who voluntarily resigned from Sunman-Dearborn and need to be hired by ROD: Daelle Woolwine, Diana Swartz and Melissa Lowe. New employees are: Corri Monks, School Psychologist and Dedra Trossman, Educational Consultant. A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe to recommend employment as presented. Mr. Rollins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Corning informed the Board that she had received resignations from the following: Melissa Lowe, Ashley Clements and Cristy Nuhring. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Phillippe to accept the resignations. Ms. Corning informed the Board that we still have an opening for a school psychologist. A letter requesting maternity leave for Corri Monks was presented. The leave will be from October 31, 2012 until December 12, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Roberts to approve the leave. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented two new policies to be adopted by the Board, illicit drug use and sexual harrassment. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix and seconded by Mr. Galey to approve the policies. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. The report still shows many negative balances. This is due in part to having to ask for reimbursement on the federal funds.

Ms. Corning informed the Board that the federal grants do not allow for us to include expenses for postage, telephone and treasurer salary since they do not directly provide services for students. These charges have been added to the general fund. There is no increase in participating shares. A motion was made by Mr. Galey and seconded by Mr. Moorhead to approve the amended budget. Motion carried.

A medicaid update was given by Ms. Corning. The IMAC billing is for administrative costs associated with special education. There will be a webinar that explains this process. This billing is for administrators, nursing services, etc.

A preschool update was distributed to the Board. The Lawerenceburg class will be moving to full time as there are several students who are to be evaluated.

Dr. Reale would like to establish what the length of the ROD work day is. It is currently 7 hours, 40 minutes. This information is needed for bargaining. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts that the ROD work day be an 8 hour day, 7 ½ hours with ½ hour for lunch, for 185 days. Dr. Phillippe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented these other items of interest:

1. Inservice for all Severe Disabilities teachers on the Unique System will be August 29<sup>th</sup> at Batesville Middle School.
2. Autism inservice is September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dearborn Country Club. Presenters include staff from Riley Hospital and Indiana Resource Center for Autism.
3. Ziggart Training will be held at ROD on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.
4. CPI dates were distributed for new trainings and re-certification.
5. The second administrator training will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> at ROD.
6. NEOLA - Damen Peigh will be here August 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss setting up policies for ROD.
7. The FSA accounts will be terminated through AFLAC as of August 31<sup>st</sup> due to moving to the interlocal. We are looking at extending this date to September 30<sup>th</sup> and then rolling over the money to the new vendor.
8. Discussion on the new nursing home in the Lawrenceburg area.

Public Comments - Steve Wagner thanked the Board for giving consideration to extending the FSA through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Other issues were regarding the hours, when would it start. Will it change yet this school year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Galey. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Marcia A. Fullenkamp, Recording Secretary