

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

September 14, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Southeastern Career Center. Those in attendance were: Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Milan, John Mehrle - South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead - South Ripley, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del and Alex Brewer - ROD. Karl Galey and Bill Narwold were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moorhead at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda and asked for approval. Dr. Mehrle made a motion to approve the presented agenda. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The cash balance is up due to receiving two months of federal grant reimbursement. Since the Board is meeting earlier in the month, this will facilitate getting the federal reimbursement request in and getting payment the same month. The August reimbursement requests were presented for FY2016 611 and 619. FY2017 grant applications for the 611 grant were emailed to DOE on June 23rd. There has been no contact from them about approval. We have received approval for FY2017 619. The MOE was submitted to DOE on September 14th. Claims 118734-118808 were presented for payment along with the payroll vouchers. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to accept the financial report as presented and approve the claims for payment. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update - Dr. Brewer presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement between RODEA and the ROD Board for approval. The changes were: increase personal days from 2 to 3 days, a vision plan will be made available for voluntary enrollment, 2% increase in salaries. The salary range and stipend had to be moved to the compensation area of the contract. The stipend was increased to \$3,500 for all school psychologists. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the RODEA and the ROD Board. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer is recommending a 2% increase in the salary of Missy Jones, Assistant Director. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the 2% increase. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other information presented included:

1. Preschool Funding Fact Sheet - Dr. Brewer indicated that it is a federally

mandated program to provide special needs preschool but that funding has not increased since its inception in 1991. Other special needs areas have seen changes to the funding. The Governmental Affairs committee of ICASE will be seeking an increase in the preschool funding. It would be helpful that the Board contact their legislators to discuss this funding.

2. Preschool update was shared.
3. ROD training - ROD will be providing training for goal writing compliance on October 24th at IvyTech in Batesville. There will be a morning and afternoon session. This will be geared to middle and high school teachers to help with goal writing for transition IEP's.
4. The update for NEOLA policies was presented for the first reading.
5. Dr. Brewer has been unable to fill the open school psychologist positions. There is a need to have staff work additional time to complete some of the cases. At this time there are 16 cases that will be given to the current school psychologists. They will be paid 1 day per-diem after the case has been completed.

Discussion Items - Dr. Brewer has revised Admin Guideline 6320I to address the needs of the student and placement vs. eligibility. The students in Moderate/Severe rooms will be eligible for the alternative assessment. Students in the Emotional Disabilities classrooms will have behavior needs. Admin Guideline 6320J - Eligible Costs for Reimbursement for Cooperative Programs - will be added. It specifically states what costs will be paid for by ROD. Copies will be shared with the treasurers/business managers after suggested additions.

Dr. Brewer has been tracking the costs and projected cash balance. It will be important to continue to monitor this as the projection for June, 2018 puts us below what is recommended. The Board may need to revisit the resolution from November, 2015.

There were no public comments.

The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Southeastern Career Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to adjourn. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.