

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

December 17, 2013

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman Dearborn, Paul Ketcham-Milan, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Steve Patz-Rising Sun, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Patz at 9:10 a.m.

The minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Hendrix to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. A request for reimbursement will be submitted to DOE for October expenses.

Claims 116351-116433 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe to approve the claims. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. A question had been brought to Ms. Corning's attention about the amount of one claim that was listed as mileage reimbursement. Ms. Corning explained that this claim also had expenses for a conference that was attended in Columbus, Ohio. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented the preschool budget for the 2014 year. The budget shows an increased cost for the preschool coordinator due to moving Yvonda Kramer to that position full time. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Roberts to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

The preschool updates were presented. The Jac-Cen-Del morning program has become quite large. Ms. Corning recommends that Milan put an aide on the bus to help with all the students that are on the bus. The Lawrenceburg class is growing and may need to add another aide to the classroom.

Ms. Corning presented the NEOLA policies for the second reading. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to approve the policies as presented. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented the non-certified employee handbook for the second reading. She did make the change on the FMLA policy to read extended medical leave and removed the RIFF portion of the handbook. A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe to approve the handbook as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other items presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. Kimm Hackworth - school psychologist submitted her resignation effective December 20, 2013.
2. Rob March will be presenting an inservice on Positive Behavior Supports on April 15th. A location has not yet been determined.
3. The job description for the secretary of support services was changed to reflect the addition of the deputy treasurer duties.
4. IEP training dates were presented. Superintendents need to send it to the local schools.

5. Non-public school expenditures - \$4,300 needs to be spent by December 31st. Equipment will be purchased to expend these funds. Another teacher assistant was added in December and possibly will add another assistant and reduce the teacher time. One school has 5 students who are receiving the state special education voucher so the need for the teacher has been reduced. For the 2014 school year, there is the possibility of putting a computer in each of the local public libraries to be available for homeschool students.
6. December 1 count information needs to be sent to Marcia.
7. There is a case involving a hearing impaired student. ADA & 504 guidelines took precedence over IDEA which resulted in money damages. Just providing information since this could be considered if we were to be involved in a lawsuit.
8. A recommendation that our office start managing or at least reviewing the local 504 plans. Ms. Corning will send out a form asking for the students who have a 504 plan, the reason for the plan and when it was last reviewed. The Board felt that maybe there needs to be more training for the administrators who monitor these plans.

Public Comments - Steve Wagner, RODEA representative asked for clarification on whether a resignation needs to be voted on.

Mr. Ketcham informed the Board that the workshop for parents by Gordon Holmes was very well attended. He presented great information and those attended were very thankful for the opportunity.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.