

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

January 31, 2014

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Friday, January 31, 2014 at the Special Education Center. The meeting had been scheduled for January 21, 2014 but had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman Dearborn, Paul Ketcham-Milan, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Steve Patz-Rising Sun, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 1:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.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 Mr. Patz at 1:47 p.m.

The minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Finance Elections - A motion was made by Dr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Galey to use the current Board officers to serve as the Board of Finance. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. It was noted that the local preschool fund had ended in the black.

Claims 116434-116512 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve the claims as presented. Dr. Hendrix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning presented the preschool update. The classes for Sunman-Dearborn and Lawrenceburg are approaching capacity. These programs will be monitored closely and decisions will be made based upon enrollment as to the need for another assistant or to open another section..

Ms. Corning asked if there was a need for anyone to complete a Conflict of Interest statement. There was no need at this time.

Discussion regarding applying for the waiver for missed school days due to inclement weather followed. The Board felt there was no need to apply for this waiver since ROD is not tied to a penalty for missed school days. Certified staff will continue to work their scheduled number of days.

Ms. Corning had discussed at the last Board meeting about the possibility of ROD staff monitoring the 504 plans in the local schools. A request had been sent to the school corporations asking for information on students on 504 plans. At this time there does not appear to be adequate information to have ROD monitor these plans.

Other items presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. Rob March will present a program on Positive Behavior Supports on Tuesday, April 15. We still need a location for this and will be looking to possibly use the Versailles Baptist Church hall.

2. The ROD Autism conference will be Thursday, March 13 at Versailles Baptist Church.
3. The Transition Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at South Dearborn High School. This is necessary to meet state Indicator
4. Sandi Mahl - PATINS will be visiting schools to help schools understand ways to use equipment for enhancing Universal Design for Learning. If you are not interested, please let Ms. Corning know.
5. Ms. Corning has been reviewing current class sizes and needs for next school year. Some possible changes would be: moving one of the severe disabilities classes at South Ripley Elementary to Jac-Cen-Del Elementary. Rising Sun High School should have a severe disabilities class for the middle/high school. Is it necessary to have a severe disabilities class at Lawrenceburg Primary or would it be better at Greendale Middle. Is there something that can be done to alleviate the overcrowded room at South Dearborn High. This will be monitored closely and will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Public Comments - Steve Wagner, RODEA representative, wanted the Board to know that when Sunman-Dearborn is closed staff does not report to this building but may report to other schools if they are open. It may be necessary to adjust the calendar to get all of the work days in.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.