

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

May 20, 2014

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 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, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:05 a.m. until 10:00 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 Mr. Patz at 10:03 a.m.

The minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle and seconded by Dr. Hendrix to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented.

Claims 116729-116814 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Ms. Corning explained about orientation and mobility training. This is a service that will be required more in the future. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. The enrollment for fall indicates that all programs will be needed. It is possible that the program at Batesville will require additional staff.

The personnel update was presented. Ms. Corning has recommended the hiring of Sara Sharpe as a school psychologist for next year. April Sigler is recommended as a school psychology intern. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the two hires. Dr. Merhle seconded the motion. Mr. Galey asked about the school psychologist position. Ms. Corning stated that this is not a new position but is filling one that was vacated at the end of December when Kimm Hackworth resigned. Motion carried.

Determination of Employee Status - A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to move the two secretaries from salaried positions to hourly employees with overtime approved by a supervision if needed. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the Department of Labor requirements. Motion carried.

Revision of ROD Procedure Manual - Ms. Corning informed the Board that there was no mention in the current procedure manual restraint guidelines about mechanical restraint and also training for restraint. This information has not been added. It will be presented to school administrators at the meeting at the beginning of the school year. This is a change to administrative guidelines. Mr. Patz suggested that the Board be sure and coincide their local policies with those being established with ROD through NEOLA.

ROD Certified Handbook - Ms. Corning recommended approval of the handbook. It was presented in discussion to the teacher association and they had no objections. Dr. Hendrix made a motion to approve the handbook as presented. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The information presented previously regarding funding of Teachers and Paraprofessionals was updated that paraprofessionals who are assigned to a specific student will be reimbursed for one month after that student has moved. A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to approve as recommended. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board meetings for the summer will be held on June 10 at 9:00 a.m. and July 18 @ 9:00 a.m.

Other information presented by Ms. Corning included:

1. Orton-Gillingham training will be at ROD on September 15-19.
2. We received information that the federal grant application will be due on June 30<sup>th</sup> this year instead of August 30<sup>th</sup> as has been the past practice. This will require that the Maintenance of Effort be completed earlier than in the past.
3. Mr. Moorhead asked that the treasures meet to discuss issues that have come out of recent audits. This will likely happen at the July meeting.
4. Dr. Mehrle wanted to recognized Dr. Hendrix who will moving on to another position. He thanked him for his service.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Mehrle. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.