

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

October 17, 2023

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the South Dearborn Community Schools Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Pat Murphy – Milan, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, and Alex Brewer – ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. to 9:54 a.m. in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during the executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:56 a.m. by Branden Roeder.

Public Comments – none

The agenda was presented for approval. Dr. Brewer asked to remove the Action Item. Mr. Moorhead made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the September 19, 2023 minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Melton to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal grant reimbursements were provided. We are still waiting for approval on our new grants. Information was received from DOE regarding the need for corporations to return to completing the MOE form which will be due on November 30th. This should not impact our approvals. If it does, we may have an issue with cash flow. This will be closely monitored. Claims 123847-123899 were presented for payment along with payroll claims. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the financial report and claims. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items-

The preschool report was presented. There were a few updates about upcoming enrollments.

Materials have been purchased for Social Skills curriculum at the elementary school level. This was purchased with ARPA funds. The program, Encore by TEACHTown, that is used with the Intense Academic students has made some updates that will be very beneficial. The teacher licenses will now cover all grade levels.

Discussion Items –

ROD Cooperative Updates – ROD, along with South Dearborn High School and South Ripley High School will be participating in a pilot program for students who need transition services. The program, Transcend-Seamless Transition Pilot, will provide a way to collaborate with New Horizons and Vocational Rehab to help students transition to the workforce. The program has a family interview portion and an employer part. The first visits will be held in November at each of those two high schools.

Dr. Brewer discussed that questions have come up regarding how school resource officers are informed of student behavior plans and IEP's. It was decided that a training would be beneficial to cover FERPA, general special education information including IEP's and behavior plans. This training will be scheduled by Dr. Brewer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.