

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

November 13, 2019

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Southeastern Career Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, and Alex Brewer - ROD. Branden Roeder – Rising Sun and Jane Rogers - Milan, were absent.

The Board met in executive session from 1:00 p.m. until 1:10 p.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Galey at 1:15 p.m.

The agenda was presented for approval. Mr. Ketcham made a motion to approve and Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 15, 2019 regular meeting and the November 6, 2019 SEA Public Hearing were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton and seconded by Mr. Ketcham. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. A revision approval for the FY 2019 611 federal grant was received. Reimbursement requests were distributed. A revised final report for the FY 2018 611 grant was also distributed. DOE is reconciling reports with reimbursements and there was a mistake on the original report. Claims 121380-121447, including payroll claims, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer reminded everyone to get their information in regarding the TAG grant.

Personnel – Dr. Brewer recommended hiring Jackie Rudisell as a COTA for 4 days per week. This is just until the end of the school year. She had worked for ROD before and is happy to be returning. A motion was made to approve the hiring of Ms. Rudisell by Mr. Ketcham. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the resignation letter from Ricka Cutter, Occupational Therapist effective December 20, 2019. The position has been posted. Dr. Jackson made a motion to accept the resignation. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the 2019-2020 contract between the Cooperative and the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Educators Association. There was an increase to salary of about 3% along with a retirement incentive. Also, there was flexibility added to the VEBA language to help those involved in the separation. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the contract. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Dr. Brewer thanked the Association and the Board for working

together and looking out for the current staff and the future. Mr. Galey also thank Dr. Brewer and the Association for the work that was put into the new agreement. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer recommended a 2.95% salary increase for non-certified staff and the assistant directors. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve this increase. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer discussed with the Board a new concept with different teacher groups. The preschool teachers will be the first to start the Community of Practice due to the changes with the new ISPROUT assessment. They will be meeting December 3rd to learn about the new assessment, transitioning students from preschool to kindergarten procedures, and the role of the preschool teacher and how it relates to kindergarten. Dr. Brewer hopes to expand this concept to other areas for our teachers.

The preschool update was presented. There were no questions about the update.

Public Comments – Cristy Nuhring, ROD Association representative also wanted to thank the Board for the options that were added to the contract to address the separation.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the South Dearborn Administrative office starting at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.