

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RIPLEY-OHIO-DEARBORN SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
November 14, 2023

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 14, 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 9:56 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 10:00 a.m. by Branden Roeder.

Public Comments – none

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

Consent Items –

The minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal reimbursements are included in the packet. All ARPA funds have now been spent. We have received approval of the FY 2024 619 grant but haven't heard anything on the 611 grant. MOE will need to be completed again this year. It is due to DOE by November 30th. We are currently working on completing and verifying IEPs for the December 1 count. Missy Jones will be meeting individually with teachers the week of November 27th. Many of your data coordinators have already been sending in files so that we can compare the data. Claims 123900-123950 along with payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Melton to approve the financial report. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items –

The collective bargaining agreement between the ROD Board and the ROD Education Association was presented for approval. Dr. Brewer summarized the changes as each certified employee will receive a salary increase of \$3,500.00 along with a \$500.00 stipend. The new teacher hire schedule was updated. Language was added regarding the possibility of a premium holiday with the SISIT medical insurance. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the ratification of the collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer presented a letter of retirement from Sue Baer, Social Worker, effective May 24, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to accept the letter of retirement. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Board extends their appreciation to Mrs. Baer for her years of service to ROD.

Mr. Galey made a motion to provide a \$4,000.00 increase to the administrator contracts. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Galey made a motion to provide a 5% increase to the classified staff along with increasing the Board contribution to dental insurance at the same rate as certified staff. Also, the Secretary of Student Records will be paid at \$13.00 per hour. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items –

Preschool Update – Lists were provided. Information regarding incoming students was shared.

Discussion Items –

Dr. Brewer provided an update regarding the Transcend Pilot Project at South Dearborn High School and South Ripley High School. This is provided through the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities and is working with Pre-ets through New Horizons and Vocational Rehabilitation. The first on-sight meetings were held last week. Additional meetings will be held in December.

Recruitment – Dr. Brewer is wanting to access all possibilities for recruiting staff. He has spoken to a representative from NIMBLE. He would like to have our positions also posted on the school websites. There is also a possibility of having an incentive for someone to become a licensed Blind/Low Vision teacher. This would be similar to the incentive for someone to become a licensed school psychologist.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.