

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

November 20, 2018

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Jane Rogers - Milan, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Kelli Keith – Rising Sun, and Alex Brewer - ROD. Jac-Cen-Del was absent.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:20 a.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 Dr. Jackson at 9:30 a.m.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 16, 2018 regular meeting and the November 14, 2018 special meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Reimbursement requests were distributed. Claims 120556-120634 along with payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve the financial report. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a letter of resignation from Kim Littlefield, Evaluation Assistant. He would like to be able to hire someone before the next meeting. A motion was made to accept the resignation by Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer recommended a 3% increase to salaries of all non-certified staff along with an increase in Board contribution to insurance in the amount of just under 7%. Dr. Jackson added to increase Dr. Brewer's salary by \$3,000 and increase the assistant directors' salaries by \$2,500. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the increases as presented. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented information about funding of the Cooperative. He had sent out information about changing the funding after the October meeting. By removing the teachers and assistants for the ED and SD programs, most of the budget items on the general fund budget could be moved to the Federal grant. There are some things that are not allowable on the federal grant and would need to be maintained on the local general fund budget. We could move all of

the preschool budget to the federal grant. There currently is not enough money in the federal grant to cover all of the budget items, thus some things would continue to be on the general fund budget. Some areas of concern are: would we continue the Hands in Autism programs; curriculum for the severe disabilities classes; issues with grant approval dates and reimbursement dates in order to meet payroll and pay vendors. Discussion followed about how the Cooperative currently determines the APC and participating shares to fund our current general fund budget. Each corporation will compare their numbers and this will be on the agenda again in December. Dr. Brewer will be presenting budgets for preschool and non-public at the December meeting.

Dr. Brewer presented updated information regarding the new Dyslexia guidelines. Orton Gillingham training is an approved program for the training specialist. He would like to set up a meeting with school personnel to help determine screeners, intervention/instruction strategies, forms, etc., to help with consistency between schools as there is movement between corporations. This meeting will be set up in December.

Discussion regarding distribution of the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) followed. Schools are to take out the amount for the career center first and then add the proportionate share of ROD staff to their staff to determine the final amount. Please have those amounts to ROD by Wednesday, November 28th so that invoices can be prepared and mailed out. This distribution will be made on the December 7th payroll.

The preschool update was presented. Discussion followed.

Public Comments – there were no comments.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to adjourn. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.