

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

December 14, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Southeastern Career Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Gale - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Milan, John Mehrle - South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead - South Ripley, Bill Narwold - Batesville, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 1:00 p.m. until 1:50p.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) and (b)(7). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moorhead at 1:55 p.m.

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda. Dr. Mehrle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The finance report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The projected cash balance for December, 31, 2016 is \$2,119,620.15. This is dependent on receiving the federal grant reimbursements and no unusual end of month expenses. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to accept the financial report as presented and approve the claims for payment. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Mr. Moorhead asked about the reimbursement to local corporations from the general fund. It will be sent out after this meeting as it is part of the expenses presented. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the Non-Public budget for approval. Explanations were given as to how the budget was prepared. The budgeted amount comes from the December 1 child count for special education. Administrative costs is set at 3% of the director, assistant directors and secretaries as our non-public population is 3% of all special education students. A new line is added for reimbursement to local schools for services provided by speech therapists and special education teachers. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to accept the budget as presented. Dr. Mehrle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was shared. All programs have increased enrollment. Additional paraprofessional support will be added to help with the additional students. Dr. Brewer presented two options for the preschool budget. There is a 20% increase in enrollment. The previous budgets had not covered all costs for preschool. The budgets both account for the

increase in enrollment. However, the second option would put the additional paraprofessionals on the federal grant. By doing this, the grant will run out quicker. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve Option 2 of the preschool budget. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented an information sheet with services that the cooperative provides along with how much direct service is being given to students/teachers. Dr. Brewer feels that this will increase as the staff is working very hard to provide what is needed to students/teachers.

Dr. Brewer presented information on how preschool speech travel reimbursement will be handled now. The mileage form will be turned into the ROD office for verification of attendance and actual mileage traveled. The form will be checked, initialed and sent to your local office for reimbursement to the parent. A copy of the procedure will be sent to local treasurers.

Information regarding tracking for non-public services provided by public school personnel was also presented. A form will go to the teacher who will then send it to ROD. ROD will check the service and send back to the treasurer for payment to be billed to ROD.

Information regarding December 1 count was presented. The count was up 49 students over last year. The largest increase was in the areas of Autism and Other Health Impaired. Speech/Language services was down.

The next meeting will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the Career Center.

A motion was made by Dr. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Roeder to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.