

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

December 19, 2023

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at the South Dearborn Community Schools Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Pat Murphy – Milan, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, and Alex Brewer – ROD. Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg was absent.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. to 9:22 a.m. in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during the executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 a.m. by Branden Roeder.

Public Comments – none

The agenda was presented for approval. Dr. Brewer asked that under Consent Items that the minutes of the November 10th TA meeting be added. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the revised agenda. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the November 10, 2023 Tentative Agreement meeting and November 14, 2023 regular 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 grant reimbursement requests were provided. The FY 2024 611 grant received final approval. The consultation meetings with the non-public schools still needs to be held to meet the requirements for the grant. MOE is being completed by the local schools. As soon as all are received, they will be uploaded to DOE. In the process of the discussions with DOE regarding MOE, it was determined that billing had to match the way the grant is written. Information will be provided to the treasurers regarding the changes to local and federal funds. We currently are in the audit process for the federal grants. Claims 123969-124013 including payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the claims presented. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Dr. Brewer presented the 2024-2025 ROD Calendar. It provides flexibility if needed by staff to meet timelines. A motion was made by Mr. Melton to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Lowes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the ROD Loan forgiveness program for Teacher of Visually Impaired. As explained at the previous meeting, this will help to get a licensed teacher. This is currently in

place for School Psychologist. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the Loan Forgiveness Program. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items –

The Preschool update was provided. Questions regarding enrollment were answered.

Dr. Brewer gave an update on the transition pilot program through Transcend and DOE. The second set of meetings consisted of touring different facilities to determine possible job placements.

Marcia Fullenkamp gave out information regarding the December 1 count. The total count is up 52 students this year. The main areas of change were in SLD, Developmental Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Funding for each eligibility group is also going up again this year. It was a good year as the local data coordinators worked to keep data accurate leading up to the count date. Thank you to the data coordinators!

Discussion Items –

ROD Cooperative Updates – Dr. Brewer discussed the changes that are coming to Medicaid billing. Nursing services can be billed if they are in the IEP. The new rules also include the ability to bill if services are in a Section 504 plan or in a Health Care Plan. Dr. Brewer would like to have a meeting with a couple of local nurses and GoSolution staff to determine if this is an option.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.