

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

February 18, 2020

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, , Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer - ROD. Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, and Rob Moorhead – South Ripley were absent.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 – 9:53 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(E). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Karl Galey at 10:00 a.m.

The agenda was presented with a few changes. The date for the minutes is January 21, 2020. Also under action items, there will be 2 agreements presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Mr. Lows. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mr. Ketcham to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The federal grant reimbursement requests were presented. The cash balance remains higher than normal as all participating shares have been received for the month of January. The federal grant will be expended in March/April. All expenses after that will come out of the Education Fund thus reducing the cash balance quickly. Claims 121617-121686 including payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An agreement for the renovation of Aurora Elementary School for the space that will be used for the ROD office was presented from Lancer & Beebe, LLC Architecture Firm. It will be a joint agreement with South Dearborn and ROD for \$22,000 + fees. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to enter into the agreement. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A lease agreement between South Dearborn Schools and the ROD cooperative was presented. The lease will take effect July 1, 2020 for 10 years. It will be for 4,000 square feet of office space at Aurora Elementary and 1,000 square feet for storage somewhere in the corporation. There is payback language in the lease if the space needs to be reverted back to classrooms. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mrs. Rogers to enter into the lease with South Dearborn. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented an Administrative Guideline for the RIF policy. He has worked with the RODEA and with Susan Traynor-Chastain to parallel the guideline with what is in the separation agreement. If a RIF is needed, the criteria is in this guideline. Recall language is for 18 months after the teacher contract is canceled. Dr. Jackson asked if this should also be included in the policy? Discussion followed. Dr. Brewer will contact Susan Traynor-Chastain to ask about the recall language.

Dr. Brewer gave information regarding the Dyslexia screening. A requirement of the Dyslexia guidelines is that after the screening has taken place, the parents are to be notified of the results and the resources available and that they may request an evaluation. Dr. Brewer is recommending that after all data is compiled, including RTI covering all areas of deficit, summary of performance and intervention, that the parent be called in to discuss all options available including possible educational evaluation. Information will go out to schools soon with this information. He would like to schedule another meeting with the dyslexia teams to get this information to them.

The preschool update was presented.

Dr. Brewer is also interested in having a training for paraprofessionals at the beginning of the school year to provide information needed for classroom success. Dr. Brewer is recommending a change in the paraprofessional approval process. He would like to meet with principals to discuss their needs prior to having them make their requests. This will help with understanding the needs and making determinations.

Dr. Brewer distributed information on upcoming HANDS in Autism trainings to be held this summer in Indianapolis. There will be a need to send some teachers again this summer.

Public Comments – Brooke Levell informed the Board that Project Success will be meeting with teachers from the intense academic intervention classrooms on Thursday at South Ripley to work on designing instruction for the alternative assessments.

An executive session will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at South Dearborn. The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.