

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

March 18, 2014

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman Dearborn, Paul Ketcham-Milan, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD. Mr. Patz was not in attendance.

The Board met in executive session from 9:10 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. to discuss personnel matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1(b)(1) & (b)(2)(A). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mehrle at 9:20 a.m.

The minutes of the February 28, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Phillippe to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. Ms. Corning informed the Board that there is a possibility that we may not need the bus to ISB/ISD after next school year due to the current student graduating at that time. The current bus contract will end at that time also.

Claims 116587-116656 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe to approve both the financial report and the payment of claims. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The preschool update was presented. Students who will be transitioning on to kindergarten were marked accordingly. At this time it appears that current classes will continue for next school year. Discussion followed.

The 2014-2015 school calendar was presented for approval. Ms. Corning explained that the calendar has 188 days available which would give employees 3 non-contract days during the year. There is a form that each employee is required to log their days worked. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Certified Employee Handbook was the next item. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to table discussion at this time. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried. The handbook will be tabled until next meeting.

Discussion regarding the use and funding of teachers and professionals was to be led by Mr. Patz. Due to his absence, a motion was made by Dr. Phillippe to table this discussion at this time. Dr. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Corning informed the Board of the following:

1. The inservice on autism was well attended and provided valuable information to all who participated.
2. Positive Behavior Supports conference will be held on April 15th at Versailles Baptist Church. Information has been forwarded to the schools.
3. The Transition Fair will be held on April 16th at the South Dearborn High School.
4. Training on Unique Systems, a program for severe disabilities and preschool students, will be held on Thursday, May 15th.
5. Orton Gillingham training will be provided sometime in August. Discussion followed. The Board asked that a survey be completed to determine if it would be better attended in the summer instead of during the school year. If it is during August, it would be better to be held the last week of the month.

Public Comments - Steve Wagner, RODEA representative, discussed issues with the calendar for this year.

The next meeting will need to be changed do to training that is taking place that day. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Roberts to adjourn. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.