

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

March 11, 2025

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the South Dearborn Community School Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Andrea Spaeth – Lawrenceburg, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Pat Murphy – Milan, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, and Alex Brewer – ROD. Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg and Ron Ross – South Dearborn were present via web meeting.

The Board met in executive session from 1:00 p.m. to 1:27 p.m. in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(1). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during the executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Branden Roeder.

The agenda was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the agenda. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None

Consent Items –

The minutes of the January 21, 2025 board meeting and the work session for January 21, 2025 were presented along with financial information. Marcia Fullenkamp gave the financial report. Federal reimbursement reports for February and March were presented. The FY 2024 CCEIS grant modification was approved. Non-public school consultation was completed and submitted to DOE by Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Claims 124731-124785 for February and Claims 124786-124830 for March, along with payroll claims were presented for payment. Since we did not meet in February, all reimbursements were presented. A motion was made to accept all Consent Items by Mr. Melton and seconded by Ms. Spaeth. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Dr. Brewer presented the three bids for E-Rate internet providers. He recommended accepting the bid from Comcast for 36 months as they had the lowest rates from the three bidders. Mr. Murphy made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a letter of retirement from Andy Pfautz effective at the end of the school year. Dr. Brewer also recommended a training stipend per the contract for Marcia Fullenkamp as she trains her replacement. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to accept the retirement and the training stipend. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Dr. Roeder thanked Andy and Marcia for their service to the cooperative. Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

The April meeting needs to be moved due to a scheduling conflict. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Interlocal Agreement information was provided by Dr. Brewer. Changes to the agreement would be in the area of how the cooperative is funded, moving from funding through the cooperative to having the schools directly fund their programs. Due to the process for changing the Interlocal Agreement, these changes would not go into effect until the 2026-2027 school year. Dr. Brewer recommended that formal changes will be presented at the April or May meeting with corporations taking the information back to their boards after that meeting. There will be no changes to the services that ROD provides to the local schools. School-based programs will continue to receive strong support from ROD and remain in place within each district.

Informational Items –

1. Preschool update was provided. The lists provide information for class sizes for the upcoming school year.
2. Non-public consultation is provided to the local schools. Students who are homeschooled also need to have this completed.
3. New IEP program – Powerschool will be providing the new IEP program. Each corporation needs to allow a ROD person security access to provide IEP helpdesk services. Please list Dr. Brewer in this role for each corporation.
4. Staff Handbook – Dr. Brewer has contacted Christy Hilton to provide help with this document. Dr. Brewer shared the cost for this service.
5. Classroom Staffing – There have been meetings to coordinate consultation/supports for classrooms that have complex needs. It is a 3-part process to help make progress in making changes to the individual classrooms/programs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.