

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

March 15, 2022

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the South Dearborn Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers – Milan, Alex Brewer and Missy Jones - ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m. by Karl Galey.

The agenda was presented. An item needs to be added under Action Items by Dr. Brewer. The item is Approval of E-Rate Proposal. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion as made by Mr. Roeder to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal grant reimbursements were provided. The FY22 grant is spent except for some funds for non-public costs. The treasurers have been instructed on how to bill for the ARPA funds. If there are any questions, they should contact Marcia. We are now going through the federal audit. Claims 122889-122931, along with payroll vouchers were presented for payment. A motion to approve claims was made by Mr. Middleton and seconded by Mr. Moorhead. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Dr. Brewer presented a resignation letter from Maureen Schutte. Her last day will be 3/17/2022. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the resignation. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Form 470 had been issued to attract bids for internet service in order to claim E-Rate funding. Three bids were received. The lowest bid was the Comcast Business model. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to accept the bid from Comcast. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

Dr. Brewer presented the Behavior Services Department Reorganization Plan. This plan describes current services and future plans. The plan calls for hiring paraprofessionals at the

local level that will serve as Behavior Technicians. These positions would require additional training. An additional Behavior Technician would be hired at ROD and would provide additional support to the schools. This position would support the cooperative teacher and would be able to bill for Medicaid services.

Preschool Update – Dr. Brewer has felt that the planning meetings have been very beneficial. There will be a need to increase preschool classroom services next year. This will also create the need for additional speech services.

Non-Public Services – Due to the increase in special education numbers at the non-public schools, the need for services will also be increasing. A paraprofessional will likely be added to help in this area.

Informational Items –

ROD Updates – Paraprofessional training will take place on July 25th from 8:00-3:00. The location is undetermined at this time. Dr. Brewer is creating a “Spotlight Award” where anyone can go on and nominate someone who goes above and beyond to help children. This will be located on the ROD website. Dr. Brewer still needs to meet with a couple of superintendents to discuss planning for next year. The meetings have been very beneficial. Paraprofessional requests will be going out after spring break. Training calendars are being developed to schedule IEP trainings at the local schools.

Public Comments – none

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.