

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

March 16, 2021

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the South Dearborn Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer and Missy Jones - ROD. Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del joined via Google Meet. Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, and Branden Roeder – Rising Sun were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by Jane Rogers.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Moorhead. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton and seconded by Mr. Lows to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The financial report and the Federal grant reimbursements were presented. All transfer costs were taken out of the local funds as the FY 2021 611 grant has been expended except for the non-public portion of those funds. Claims 122316-122360 along with payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Lows to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer discussed that there has been an issue at the Federal level regarding teachers not being certified to serve as teacher of record for special education students. At the State level, it has been suggested that additional mentoring be provided. Dr. Brewer is proposing to have a mentor from ROD, along with the school mentor, to help provide more in depth training for those teachers. This mentoring would be documented and may help with special education teacher retention.

Dr. Brewer is also working on getting all schools to bill for IEP related Medicaid services. His goal is to help in this process by helping schools obtain permission to bill and also to streamline the process for making referrals. He is also hoping to be able to bill for transportation services. Ms. Fullenkamp reported on the process for IMAC billing. This is completed quarterly by the business office. There are no restrictions on how the funds that are received can be used. The process requires uploading a staff pool and entering costs for those staff on a quarterly basis.

The preschool report was presented. Students needing evaluated before next year have had the process started.

Dr. Brewer reminded the Board that we will be looking at positions for next year very soon. Paraprofessional requests will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Public Comments – none.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.