

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

March 17, 2020

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 17, 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, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer - ROD. Branden Roeder – Rising Sun was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Karl Galey at 9:01 a.m.

The agenda was presented with one change. Mr. Galey wanted to add a discussion item for paying staff during the time school is not in session. A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Mr. Moorhead. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Middleton to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The federal grant reimbursement requests were presented. A modification for the FY 2020 611 grant was submitted to DOE and was approved. A copy of this is in the packet. Expenses in the amount of \$186,391.58 will be coming out of the Education fund as the federal grant is spent except for the non-public money. Claims 121687-121750 including payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a maternity leave request for Chantel Seale, COTA. She will start her leave at the end of April through the end of the school year. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to accept the request. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The separation agreement was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Middleton to accept the agreement. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Dr. Brewer distributed a copy of the agreement to each superintendent as it needs to be approved and signed by each corporation. These will need to be returned at the next board meeting. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer is working with Susan Trainor-Chastain to complete the new Interlocal Agreement.

The preschool update was presented. There were no questions.

Dr. Brewer informed the Board that scheduled trainings for teachers will now be held virtually. He is currently trying to determine the best platform to use.

Discussion items:

1. Dr. Brewer is working with GoSolutions to get our staff trained to bill for Medicaid services that are being provided. Transportation services can also be billed on days that other Medicaid services are provided.
2. During the prolonged school cancellation Dr. Brewer is asking teachers to reach out to each student/parent to see how they can assist them with their e-learning. If necessary, IEP revisions can be held and a full case conference can convene. Compensatory services may be necessary for some students. ROD staff will be in contact with teachers to see if they can be of assistance. School buildings will be available for use if necessary. Mr. Galey, on behalf of the Board, wanted to thank the ROD staff for all they are doing.
3. Relocation planning – The preliminary drawings are expected soon. Phone and internet planning are progressing. Dr. Brewer has contacted the moving company.
4. Resolution for paying staff during prolonged closure – we will take care of our staff. A formal resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

Public comments – none

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.