

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

March 19, 2019

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Galey.

Mr. Galey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Dr. Brewer added under Informational Items – acknowledgement of receipt of letter from Batesville to withdraw from the cooperative. Under Action Items – lease for office space for next school year. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal grant reimbursements were distributed along with the final reports for the FY 2018 611 and 619 grant. Claims 120861-120930 including payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the financial report. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of Kimm Hackworth as a school psychologist beginning the 2019-2020 school year. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to approve Ms. Hackworth. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of April Sigler, school psychologist beginning the 2019-2020 school year. A motion to approve Ms. Sigler was made by Mr. Moorhead. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer recommended the hiring of Kaylee Ables as a school psychologist intern for the 2019-2020 school year. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the hiring of Ms. Ables. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the contract for Orton Gillingham training to be conducted by Institute for Multi-Sensory Education. The training will be held June 3-7 at Ivy Tech in Lawrenceburg. ROD will bill each corporation for their attendees. This is the necessary training for the dyslexia specialist for each school corporation. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to enter into this contract. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sunman-Dearborn has agreed to lease the space that ROD currently occupies for \$1 for the 2019-2020 school year to help during the transition to a smaller cooperative. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to accept the lease. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Galey thanked Dr. Jackson and Sunman-Dearborn for the offer.

Informational Items - The first reading of the NEOLA Update Volume 30, No. 2 was held. The policies presented were:

- Policy 1422 – Non Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy 1662 – Anti-Harassment
- Policy 2260 – Non-Discrimination and Access to Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy 3122 – Non Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy 3362 – Anti-Harassment
- Policy 4122 – Non Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy 4362 – Anti-Harassment
- Policy 5517 – DELETE
- Policy 5630.01 – Use of Seclusion and Restraint with Students
- Policy 7530.02 – Staff use of Personal Communication Devices
- Policy 8315 – Information Management

The Preschool Update was presented. There are several students who need to be evaluated. There will be some testing again this summer.

Dr. Brewer received Batesville's intent to withdraw from the Cooperative at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. It was received prior to the March 1 deadline.

Discussion Items - Susan Trainor Chastain, attorney with Lewis & Kappes, was present to give an overview of our current Inter-local Agreement and the current law as it pertains to the separation of the two corporations from the Cooperative. Some of the objectives moving forward include (1) determining staffing needs post-separation in Sunman-Dearborn, Batesville and ROD; (2) developing a process for staff who will leave ROD to work for one of those districts, and (3) addressing the distribution of co-op property to Sunman-Dearborn and Batesville. Work with the association, along with the associations of Sunman-Dearborn and Batesville, will be necessary to determine retirement and benefits. Dr. Brewer will need to contact DOE about the change for future planning of the federal grants. It was suggested that the three entities have their staffing plans near completion by the June 18th ROD meeting to help with the planning.

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.