

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

April 17, 2018

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karly Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Melissa Burton - Batesville, John Mehrle - South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead - South Ripley, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, Tim Taylor - Jac-Cen-Del and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moorhead at 9:01 a.m.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The approval letter for the FY 2017 Preschool grant was received. This grant will be spent this month. It was noted that March had 3 pay periods for several schools and that resulted in higher expenses this month. Claims 120103-120168 along with payroll vouchers were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the financial report. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented a resignation letter from Cailin Collins effective at the end of the school year. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to accept the resignation. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer then presented a maternity leave request for Rachel Diener to begin on/about May 4th and return August 20th. Dr. Jackson asked about Ms. Diener's request to go to 4 days a week next year. Dr. Brewer explained that hiring a full time COTA for next year, it will not cause a problem. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the maternity leave. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The second reading of the NEOLA policies VOL 29, No 2, and VOL 30, No 1 was held. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the policies as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented information about a training opportunity being offered by the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana for the ICASE Southeast roundtable. The training is a one day training that will be held in New Albany. This training will be regarding the new legislation regarding multisensory teaching techniques. Information regarding dates and location is on the flyer distributed.

Preschool update – information was distributed regarding current classes, incoming students and students transitioning to kindergarten.

Dr. Brewer informed the Board that we are looking into updating our copiers and document management system. We have two options for the document system that we will be considering once the bids have been received.

Discussion Items – Dr. Brewer would like to meet with each school corporation to discuss long term planning and goals for schools in regards to preschool programming. He would like to investigate how to provide services to schools that have a general education preschool and also those that have the general education option along with a developmental preschool. There would be opportunities to use integrated/co-teaching for some programs.

Programming for Emotional Disabled and Severe Disabilities programming – Dr. Brewer looked at different funding options for cooperative programs. Three options were presented. The first was adding teachers to the current budget. The second was removing all ED and SD teachers from the budget. The third option was removing ED teachers since all corporations have ED classrooms. These different options used different APC amounts to determine the necessary ADM needed to meet the budget. Discussion followed. The Board would like to see information that uses actual costs vs. estimated costs. The corporations are to send this information to ROD in order to develop additional options.

There were no public comments.

Dr. Brewer will be sending out paraprofessional requests this week.

The next ROD Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Galey to adjourn. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.