

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

May 15, 2018

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karly Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows - 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 9:00 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 April 17, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The finance report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The last cash request for FY 2017 – 619 preschool fund will be submitted. The appreciation for the General fund is negative due to the \$1,000,000 being returned to the member corporations. Claims 120169-120234 were presented for payment along with payroll vouchers. A motion was made by Dr. Jackson to approve the financial report. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Mr. Ketcham asked if there was a percentage set for the cash balance. Dr. Brewer responded that there is a target percentage but that the Board has never set a percentage for the cash balance. Motion carried.

A motion to amend the agenda was made by Mr. Roeder, seconded by Mr. Ketcham to include Personnel update. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer informed the Board that Mary Jo Sloan and Peggy Norman have given notice of re-retiring. Both have worked part-time for ROD since retiring from their previous jobs. Mr. Galey made a motion to accept the letters of retirement. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Moorhead expressed his gratitude from the Board for the years of service that these two ladies provided to the Cooperative.

Dr. Brewer presented the preschool update. Lawrenceburg and Sunman-Dearborn classes are nearing capacity. Dr. Brewer would like to look at putting some of the students into school based preschools. This could help keep numbers down in the developmental preschool programs.

Discussion Items – Brandy Bittner, New Horizons Pre-ETs program, addressed the Board about the services they currently provide and the barriers that prevent them from providing some of these services during the school day. She is proposing to move the Pre-ETs program to an “after school club” where school staff could be hired by New Horizons to provide these services. New Horizons would be responsible for training staff, providing liability coverage and paying staff to transport students.

Dr. Brewer presented information on possible funding changes. Information presented showed how funding would change if schools provided all teachers and assistants for students with emotionally disabilities, severe disabilities and moving both to the schools. Much discussion followed. It was decided that it may be best to have some Board work sessions to help determine what might be the best way to address the funding.

Dr. Brewer discussed the difficulty of hiring school psychologists due to a nationwide shortage. He is proposing using the educational consultants to do referral meetings, observations and case conferences. We will continue to use VocoVision to provide testing.

Public Comments – April Sigler, RODEA representative introduced herself as the new representative.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19th.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to adjourn. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.