

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

May 21, 2019

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, May 21, 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, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, and Alex Brewer - ROD. Ryan Middleton – JacCenDel was absent.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:25 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Galey at 9:27 a.m.

Dr. Brewer asked to amend the agenda to add an item under Informational Items – change in time and location of the next ROD Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the change to the agenda. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The federal grant reimbursement requests were distributed. When replacing staff that have left, please send salary information so that information can be used to build the budget. Claims 120992-121059, including payroll claims, were presented for payment. A motion to approve the financial report and claims was made by Dr. Jackson. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer will be scheduling consultation meetings with the non-public schools and home school parents who want to attend. These will happen the first week of June. Superintendents are encouraged to attend.

The preschool update was presented. The update indicates that the classes will remain the same to start the school year.

There are a couple of summer trainings scheduled:

1. Orton Gillingham at Ivy Tech Lawrenceburg the first week of June. There are still 2 spots available if anyone needs to add an additional person.
2. HANDS in Autism will be in June hosted by Sunman-Dearborn.

NEOLA Policy 3131 was presented for the first reading. Dr. Brewer has shared the updated policy with the association. There were no further questions about the policy.

The next meeting will be held at the Southeastern Career Center on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Brewer informed the Board that Margie Fluegeman, non-public school paraprofessional, has submitted her retirement. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to accept her retirement. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the new HANDS in Autism contract for the 2019-2020 school year. The contract will provide more consultation services with ROD behavior consultants to enhance our services to the schools. HANDS will still provide some direct services to the program at Sunman-Dearborn. Consultation services will be provided to Aurora and Milan Elementary. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer would like to create another behavior consultant position. This position could be filled from within current ROD staff. The vacant position would not be filled. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Mr. Lows to create another behavior consultant position. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding withdrawal of Sunman-Dearborn and Batesville corporations from the Cooperative – A conference call was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> with Jen Thompson from DOE regarding steps/options to take in regards to the federal grants and the separation of these corporations. She gave us three options – 1. Expend all Federal Funds prior to June 30, 2020, 2. Close the grants in April or May. Split the remainder of the balance of the grant in a manner acceptable to all. The three parties would determine how to split the balance. 3. ROD remains the fiscal agent until all funds are spent – maybe a month or so after the separation. Dr. Jackson asked if it would make the most sense to not put any staff from Sunman-Dearborn and Batesville on the grants, enabling the cooperative to continue to spend funds beyond the separation. Contact will be made with Ms. Thompson again to see if there are any downfalls to this option.

Public Comments – Cristy Nuhring, ROD association president, asked if the June meeting could be moved to later in the day. Mr. Galey stated that this isn't possible due to another meeting after our scheduled meeting. She also said that the association has some ideas regarding RIF, if necessary, to share with the Board. Mr. Galey asked that she share those with Dr. Brewer and he could bring them to the Board.

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Career Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.