

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

July 19, 2016

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at the South Dearborn Administration office. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Milan, John Mehrle - South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead - South Ripley, Bil Narwold - Batesville, and Alex Brewer - ROD. Tim Taylor and Branden Roeder were absent.

The Board met in executive session from 1:10 p.m. until 1:35 p.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6-1(b)(2)(A) and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session.

Mr. Moorhead called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda and asked for approval of the presented agenda. Dr. Mehrle made a motion to approve the presented agenda. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The reimbursement request form has been revised to incorporate all funds so that all funds and cash balance are presented. This should provide better insight to the financial picture. The negative appropriation balance in the General Fund is due to returning funds to the local corporations and paying off the VEBA to Sunman-Dearborn. The negative appropriation balance in Capital Projects is due to the costs of the storage units. The FY 2015 Part B Preschool fund was expended in May. The final report still needs to be completed. The applications for the FY 2017 Part B 611 and 619 grants were submitted on June 23rd. There has been no word on conditional approval. Final approval will come after the local corporations complete the MOE. A motion was made by Dr. Mehrle to approve the financial report. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims 118642-118680 were presented for payment. There was nothing exceptional to report. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve the claims for payment. Mr. Narwold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr Brewer presented the Board with the resignation of Mayo Fujiki as School Psychologist. Dr. Jackson made a motion to accept the resignation. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer asked for approval of Brittany Helton as a part-time Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. She would work three days per week. This is a non-certified position. Dr. Mehrle made a motion to approve the hiring of Brittany Helton. Mr. Narwold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented the lease agreement from Sunman-Dearborn for space used by ROD. An additional room is being added this year at a cost of \$2,812. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to approve entering into the lease. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other information presented included:

1. Dr. Brewer updated the Board on the HANDS in Autism programs. They will be housed at Milan Elementary School and Aurora Elementary School. There will be a meeting on July 20th to give an overview of the programs, how all corporations will benefit from this partnership. Training will be available to all school corporations. There will need to be a designee from each district who will be responsible for disseminating information to teachers. There will be presentations or web information for all staff to receive information on the HANDS program and what the demonstration classrooms are doing. These are not classrooms where students from outside the district can be placed. There will be periodic reports back to the Board by Naomi Sweezey.
2. There will be training for building administrators on July 26th and August 16 in the morning. New teacher training will be sometime in September - full day training. IEP training will be later in the school year.
3. ROD Board meetings, starting in August, will be held at the Southeastern Career Center on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 10th. These meeting dates are subject to change.

Dr. Brewer acknowledged the difficulty that the local districts are having recruiting qualified special education teachers. He would like to be informed of local openings. The Cooperative could attend job fairs at the local colleges and update our website to post all openings that are available.

Mr. Moorhead opened the floor to public comments. Being none, Dr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.