

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

July 19, 2022

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the South Dearborn Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers – Milan, Fred Unsicker – Jac-Cen-Del, and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Karl Galey.

The agenda was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments - none

Consent Items –

The minutes of the June 21, 2022 meeting were presented. Mr. Roeder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal grant reimbursement forms were distributed. The ARPA 611 grant will need to be revised before the request reimbursement is requested. FY 2022 611 and 619 grants have been spent. Final reports will be coming soon. Form 9 has been completed and will be submitted today after getting the necessary signatures. Claims 123086-123127, along with payroll vouchers, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Lows to approve the financial report and claims for payment. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Personnel Update - Dr. Brewer presented April Vater to work 1 day a week as a school psychologist. She will help with report writing. Also, Dr. Brewer is recommending moving Rick Rieman from part-time to full-time. Both of these positions along with doing evaluations himself will help to cover the position Ms. Vater vacated. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the personnel recommendations. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Presentation – Dr. Brewer presented the local budgets for approval. The budgets were based on federal allocations from last year as new allocations have not been released yet. Special education child count increased even though ADM decreased for the cooperative. APC was up more than \$300,000. The increases in the budgets were mostly due to expected salary increases. There was some change to the preschool budget in that there were 4 additional paraprofessionals added this year to cover the increase in students. It was discovered that the ADM provided by Rising Sun was incorrect. The new ADM will create changes in participating shares to the individual corporations. A motion was made to approve the budgets as presented

with a modification to the participating shares after receiving the corrected Rising Sun ADM by Mr. Roeder. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer asked the Board to approve a contract for speech therapy services with Brittany Castillo. This is for speech therapy for non-public and preschool students. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the contract. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of Officers – Officers serve two year terms. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to elect Jane Rogers, President, Brandon Roeder, Vice-President, and Eric Lows, Secretary. Also, appointing Marcia Fullenkamp, Treasurer and Karen Voltz, Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dr. Brewer thanked Mr. Galey for his service.

Discussion Items –

1. Dr. Brewer discussed information from DOE about using cooperative costs to help to meet the funding floor.
2. Discussion regarding Teacher of Record – it does appear that teachers who are on an Alternative Teaching License will be able to serve as Teacher of Record. This is good news!
3. Medicaid Reimbursements – Medicaid reimbursements are up \$157,000 since all corporations are billing. Transportation has not been billed yet but hoping to start this in August.

Excess Cost Calculations – DOE has changed how they are handling SEEC services. Applications will no longer be approved retroactively. Each application will have a cost to the corporation of \$26,284.53 per fiscal year. Currently our procedure is that the local corporation pays the first \$20,000 and the cooperative will pick up the remainder of the costs. A policy needs to be developed to address this issue.

Mr. Galey welcomed our newest board member, Fred Unsicker, interim superintendent of Jac-Cen-Del.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.