

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

July 21, 2020

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer - ROD. Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Karl Galey at 9:04 a.m.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Moorhead. Mr. Roeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 26, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Lows to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. The federal grant reimbursement requests were presented. The difference in the Education Fund cash balance from what was projected at the June meeting is due to the retirement buyout payments. Claims 121924-121966 including payroll claims were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the financial report and claims for payroll. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Fullenkamp also asked for permission to pay claims as they come in as we have had difficulty with getting mail delivered. A motion was made to pay claims that may come in due to the mail delivery issues by Mr. Moorhead. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer would like to move the COTA's from hourly pay to Salary Non-Exempt. This is a lateral move as there is no change in pay. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to move the COTA's back to Salary Non-Exempt status. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented Faye Robinson as the teacher of blind/low vision. This position will be for three days a week. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to employ Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer gave an update on the ROD relocation. There are still some things that need to be completed but Poole Group is working to meet the timelines. We have had an issue with the mail delivery as previously reported but this seems to be resolved now. We have also had some major issues with the phone/internet service. Our phone number is currently being forwarded to cell phones. Comcast is the problem. Our fax number will be changing. Dr. Brewer wanted to thank Mr. Lows and Mr. Tanner from South Dearborn for their help with the transition. Mr. Galey also thanked South Dearborn, Poole Group, and the ROD Staff for being flexible.

Dr. Brewer presented the ROD re-entry plan. Staff will continue to be able to work remotely if needed. ROD will work with South Dearborn and Aurora Elementary to coordinate building access. There are guidelines for working in local buildings. Dr. Brewer is asking that staff limit the number of buildings they are in each day. Meetings will be held virtually as often as possible. Dr. Brewer reminded the Board that special education areas should be included in the regular sanitizing plan for the building. This is a working document and will be amended as necessary. Dr. Brewer did want to thank Lawrenceburg for getting face shields and also to Mrs. Rogers for recommending contacting Ripley County Health Department for masks. We have also purchased some desk barriers to use when working with students. Staff will be asked to discuss with parents what protocol will be used when working with students. We will have our staff meeting virtually on August 3<sup>rd</sup> with staff reporting on a staggered basis the first two days. All staff will report to the office or to schools on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comments – there were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.