

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

July 26, 2023

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at the South Dearborn Community Schools Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, and Alex Brewer – ROD. Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, and Pat Murphy – Milan, were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Eric Lows

Public Comments – none.

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

Consent Items –

The minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marcia Fullenkamp gave the financial report. We are still waiting on the federal grant information for the new year. Reimbursement requests were provided. Claims 123707-123760 were presented for payment along with payroll vouchers. There were no questions regarding the financial report. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the financial report. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Mr. Galey had a question about the non-public fund cash balance. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Approval of Local Budgets – Dr. Brewer presented the 2023-2024 local budgets. Two Intense Academic Teachers have been added to the Education fund along with another behavior technician and some additional paraprofessionals. APC is up considerably due to increased state funding per disability area. The Operations Fund is a little bit less this year due to reduced costs for liability insurance because of a change in carrier. There is an increase to the Preschool fund because of growing needs. Two additional ½ programs will be added along with paraprofessionals for those classrooms. The Non-Public fund is higher due to serving more students. This budget is based only on the students who are served. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the budgets. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of contracted services – Dr. Brewer presented a contract for Speech Therapy services with Soliant. This will be for a full-time position. Dr. Brewer also presented two contracts with Mindy Koehne for Blind/Low Vision services and for O & M services. She has been providing

these services for a portion of this last school year. A motion as made by Mr. Melton to approve the contracts. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer presented EMC as the new property and casualty insurance carrier. There was a considerable cost reduction by going to a different carrier. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the switch. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion Items –

ROD Cooperative Updates –

1. CPI training – about 75 staff members have been trained this summer.
2. Paraprofessional training will be 7/27 at Ivy Tech – 8:00 – 3:00.
3. New Teacher training – 7/28 at ROD 9:00-11:00
4. Procedure Manual Training will be held in September.
5. Admin training was held 7/20. There will be a recording to follow for those that weren't able to attend.

The state is offering a grant for Special Education Paraprofessional Training. ROD will be using the grant to pay for CPI materials for paraprofessionals and for the Master Teacher online training. Local corporations can also apply for the grant to use for any paraprofessional training costs that they incur. It could also be used to reimburse those who go through RBT training.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.