

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

August 20, 2013

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at the Special Education Center. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey-Lawrenceburg, Jeff Hendrix-Sunman Dearborn, Paul Ketcham-Milan, John Mehrle-South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead-South Ripley, Steve Patz-Rising Sun, Leanna Phillippe-JacCenDel, Jim Roberts-Batesville, and Cheryl Corning-ROD.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Patz at 9:07 a.m.

The minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Galey and seconded by Mr. Moorhead to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented. A request for reimbursement will be submitted to DOE.

Claims 116039-116099 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to approve the claims. Dr. Phillippe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The personnel report was presented by Ms. Corning. Those presented for employment were:

Rachel Ingles - COTA

Teresa Faye Robinson - Teacher of Blind/Low Vision

Mary Jo Sloan - Educational Consultant - 2 days a week

Shiley Lemon - Educational Consultant - 2 days a week

Yvonda Kramer - move from Educational Consultant to Preschool Coordinator

A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Dr. Hendrix to table the hiring of Rachel Ingles at this time. Ms. Corning will need to meet with Ms. Ingles to discuss some questions that came up during the application process. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe and seconded by Dr. Mehrle to approve the hiring of the educational consultants and the teacher of blind/low vision. Motion carried. Resignations from Mindy Koehne and Corri Monks were presented. A motion was made by Dr. Hendrix to accept the resignations. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was suggested that a statement be added to our application for non-certified employees to address any other violations other than minor traffic violations. These issues should be presented at an executive session.

Mike Nevells, Go Solutions, gave a presentation to the Board about Medicaid billing. Transportation and nursing services can now be claimed if certain criteria are met. Those services that are currently billing are occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech services, and social worker services. The fee for using Go Solutions can now be claimed in administrative claiming through IMAC. Training for staff will be set up soon.

Ms Corning discussed some issues with the NEOLA policies.

The confidentiality policy had a statement added to enable discussion between staff members when discussing special education students. The policy number referenced was from the ROD policy

manual. This number does not match up with the local school policy number. It will be important to check the policy numbers.

The possible need for a policy to address how to handle financial responsibility when a student who has aged out of the program but is still being provided services is transferred to a school outside of the home school corporation was discussed. It would be beneficial to check with other special education cooperatives to see what they have to address these issues.

Other items presented were:

1. Ziggurat Training will be held on September 17 and 18 at the ROD office. This is a program that helps with writing intensive functional behavior assessments to use with students who have very difficult behaviors.
2. Due to the Ziggurat training, we need to move our next Board meeting to a different date or a different location. Dr. Roberts volunteered his office. The September 17 meeting will be held at the Batesville Superintendents office.
3. The preschool update was presented.
4. There were some issues with the insurance coverage that we currently have that were discovered during our last hearing. Ms. Corning has asked that we get a quote from Indiana Insurance. We are currently with Selective.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Dr. Phillippe and seconded by Dr. Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:15.