

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

August 18, 2020

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey - Lawrenceburg, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Ryan Middleton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan and Alex Brewer - ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 – 9:25 a.m. to discuss matters as provided for by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(2)(A) and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during executive session

The meeting was called to order by Karl Galey at 9:26 a.m.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Lows. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Participating shares were receipted in July for all but one corporation. The other was receipted in August. The FY 2021 619 grant has been approved. A copy of the approval letter was provided. The FY 2020 611 grant is in the review process. A couple of things had to be revised and it was resubmitted. There are no reimbursement requests as the grants are just starting. Claims 121967-122002 including payroll claims were presented for payment. The claim for liability insurance was discussed. Dr. Brewer is looking for ways to reduce this cost as it is higher with less students and staff than prior to the separation. Also, received prior to the meeting was the bill for the construction costs from South Dearborn in the amount of \$174,900. Discussion followed regarding payment of this claim. It was determined to go ahead and pay that claim and have South Dearborn hold the 10% retainage. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the financial report and to pay all claims including the claim to South Dearborn for the remodel. Mr. Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer gave an update on how ROD is supporting schools for re-entry and for students who have chosen virtual instruction. Currently there are 14 students who attend the Intense Academic classes who have chosen virtual instruction. ROD has purchased TEACH-Town to supplement the virtual lessons for those students. This will work in conjunction with ULS. Evaluations will still be completed for virtual students. They may need to come in for parts of the evaluation that cannot be completed virtually. All therapies are being provided to all students.

Training Update –

1. Administrative training is being held district wide. Review and discussion about virtual training.
2. Project Success – information will be provided on tying into the content connectors.
3. TEACH-Town
4. Parent training is being developed for virtual learners. This will include behavior support for parents.
5. New Teacher Training
6. CPI Training – this will be a blended learning environment. Most will be held on-line but the physical portion of the training will be held in person locally.

Dr. Brewer presented updated Administrative Guideline 6320J for reimbursement of transportation costs. He is recommending that it be changed so that ROD will cover the cost for student specific out of district placements not just out of the ROD district. Discussion followed. This will be on next month's agenda to discuss further.

The preschool updated was presented. There were no questions.

ROD Office Updated – we are still having issues with our phones/internet. We hope this is resolved soon. Once we have phones, we will have our fax machine back up. A tour of the new space will be given after the meeting.

Non-Public Services – Students who declined the virtual option and are now being homeschooled would be eligible for services. The student must be offered an IEP and reject it prior to offering the Service Plan. If the parent accepts the Service Plan, services can be provided to the student. These students would be counted on the December 1 count. ROD can reimburse local schools for the services that are provided.

Public Comments – None

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.