

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

August 21, 2018

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the South Dearborn Superintendent's Office. Those in attendance were: Karly Galey - Lawrenceburg, Andrew Jackson - Sunman-Dearborn, Paul Ketcham - Batesville, Eric Lows – South Dearborn, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Branden Roeder - Rising Sun, Jane Rogers - Milan, and Alex Brewer - ROD. Travis Rohrig – Jac-Cen-Del was absent

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. until 9:42 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 Dr. Jackson at 9:45 a.m.

The agenda was presented by Dr. Brewer. A motion was made by Mr. Ketcham to accept the agenda as presented. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Rogers to approve the minutes with a change to the last paragraph on the first page. It should read – “serve as ROD board secretary for the next 2 years.” Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was presented by Marcia Fullenkamp. Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is due August 22nd so that it can be compiled into one document and submitted to DOE by August 31st. Then we will get approval of our FY 2019 611 budget. Claims 120351-120410, along with payroll claims, were presented for payment. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the financial report as presented. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel Update - Dr. Brewer presented a letter of resignation from April Sigler, School Psychologist. Her last day is Friday, August 24th. Mr. Roeder made a motion to accept the resignation Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. With this opening, there will be changes to the preschool evaluations and Yvonda Kramer will be doing that part. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer informed the Board that the contract with Ardor Health will not be fulfilled due to a personal emergency. Therefore, Dr. Brewer is asking for approval to contract with VocoVision for a second teletherapist. This contract will be the same terms as the current contract. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the contact. Mr. Ketcham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer is seeking approval of the updated Staff Evaluation plan. The only change is that veteran teachers would only have 1 long observation along with 2 short observations. Also, making the post-conference for reviewing long observations optional. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the changes. Mr. Lows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Teacher Assistant Program was presented for final approval. There were no changes made to the plan since last month. Dr. Brewer already has some interest in the program. A motion was made by Mr. Roeder to approve the plan. Mrs. Rogers seconded the motion. Discussion followed that funding is for professional development. Motion carried.

Dr. Brewer distributed the dates for CPI training. Schools can have teams of 6 adults. There is training currently being held for News-2-You at the ROD center.

The preschool update was presented. No questions were raised about the current programs.

Dr. Brewer gave information about the Medicaid billing and INMAC billing. The staff pool list was distributed. There is information available on the Learning Connection about how to bill along with other tools.

SEA 217 – Dyslexia Bill – Dr. Brewer gave an update as to what this means for the local schools. The bill states that each corporation will need to have a trained dyslexia specialist and use a screener approved by IDOE.

Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) – there were no changes made to the current plan. Dr. Brewer reviewed how the amount was calculated last year. This formula will be used again this year.

Public Comments – none

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Ketcham. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.