

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

September 19, 2023

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at the South Dearborn Community Schools Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Pat Murphy – Milan, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, and Alex Brewer – ROD. Eric Lows – South Dearborn and Rob Moorhead – South Ripley were absent.

The Board met in executive session from 9:00 a.m. to 9:13 a.m. in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(9). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during the executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Branden Roeder.

Public Comments – none

Dr. Brewer presented the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Melton to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the August 15, 2023 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Galey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was given by Marcia Fullenkamp. Federal reimbursements were provided for two of our federal grants. The FY 2024 611 and 619 grants were submitted to DOE. The FY 2023 611 grant needed a revision to change non-public salaries to materials. The approval was received and a copy was provided. Proportionate share reports for the federal grants and the ARPA grant were provided. Claims 123789-123846 were presented for payment along with payroll claims. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to approve the financial report. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Copies of the FY 2024 611 and 619 grants were provided. Since approval to submit these grants was received at the last meeting, these were for informational purposes. Dr. Brewer is still working with DOE on how to come up with a plan for the CEIS portion of the grant due to being out of compliance for ISS disproportionality. The Board asked that they be informed if any other corporation is in danger of being out of compliance.

Informational Items –

The preschool report was provided. Dr. Brewer talked about a new programming option that is being used at Rising Sun. The co-op is providing a part-time teacher who will serve the more intense preschool students and work with school aged students. This could be a possibility for some of the other schools since preschool numbers are increasing.

Discussion Items –

1. Excess contracts have been approved by DOE for Lawrenceburg and Jac-Cen-Del.
2. Paraprofessional Grant – application has been submitted. We received word that it has been reviewed. Assurance form needs to be signed and submitted.
3. Procedure Manual Training – Missy Jones had updated the manual and made it user friendly. The first training was held last week for South Dearborn and Lawrenceburg. Milan training will be held this week.
4. Workplace Mentorship Program – could ROD be included in talking to classes about work options in special education. It was recommended that Dr. Brewer contact the building principals to schedule.
5. Non-public consultation meetings will be held soon.
6. November board meeting needs to be changed to meet the requirements for CBA ratification. That meeting will be held on November 14, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.