

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

November 15, 2024

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Friday, November 15, 2024 at the South Dearborn Community School Administration Building. Those in attendance were: Karl Galey – Lawrenceburg, Sam Melton – Jac-Cen-Del, Rob Moorhead – South Ripley, Pat Murphy – Milan, Branden Roeder – Rising Sun, Ron Ross – South Dearborn and Alex Brewer – ROD.

The Board met in executive session from 10:00 a.m. to 10:42 a.m. in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). The Board discussed only the subject matter specified during the executive session.

The meeting was called to order at 10:43 a.m. by Branden Roeder.

Public Comments – None

The agenda was presented. Dr. Roeder added under Action Items – cancellation of Soliant contract. A motion was made by Dr. Ross to accept the amended agenda. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

The minutes of the October 15, 2024 regular board meeting and the November 12, 2024 Tentative Agreement hearing were presented.

Marcia Fullenkamp gave the financial report. Federal grant reimbursements were provided. The FY 2025 619 grant was submitted to DOE on October 1, 2024. A modification request for the FY 2024 619 was sent to DOE for approval. The change to the grant was moving contracted speech services to salary and benefits. The CCEIS grant was submitted. Dr. Brewer is still working on the policies document to submit. Claims 124540-124600, along with payroll claims, were presented for payment.

A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead and seconded by Mr. Melton to approve the minutes and the financial report. Motion carried.

Action Items –

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer presented Josephine Black for the position of Registered Behavior Technician. She will be an hourly employee. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the hiring and seconded by Mr. Galey. Motion carried.

Dr. Roeder recommended salary increases for non-certified staff and administrators as presented by Dr. Brewer. Mr. Galey made a motion to approve the increases. Dr. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement – A motion was made to approve the proposed agreement by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried by a 5-1 vote.

Dr. Brewer asked that the contract with Soliant be canceled as the service is not being provided satisfactorily. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to cancel the contract. Dr. Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items –

Preschool Update – the update was provided. Lawrenceburg is getting ready to add another paraprofessional to their classroom to meet growing enrollment needs.

Discussion Items –

Cooperative Update –

1. The employee handbook has been revised. Dr. Brewer asked for a recommendation as to who should review it to make sure it meets standards. A couple of suggestions were provided.
2. Dr. Brewer let the Board know that there were 2 South Dearborn employees who were recently recognized for their service, Maria Montes and Tonya Felser. They are both deserving of the recognition.
3. DOE Behavior Grant opportunity – Dr. Brewer would like to meet with the schools to help develop trainings that could be used cooperative wide. There are several options. The schools have to apply individually for the grant. Dr. Brewer will set something up in the coming week.
4. IEP training – the new program will be coming out this spring. Administrators will be trained first and then teachers will be trained. The training is said to be extensive.
5. RDA – Results Driven Accountability information will be released soon. The results are preliminary at this time.
6. CPI training will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at IvyTech.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.