

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

August 20, 2024

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the South Dearborn Community Schools 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 9:00 a.m. to 9:27 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 9:34 a.m. by Branden Roeder.

Public Comments – none

The agenda was presented. There were not changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Ross to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items –

Dr. Roeder asked for a recommendation for approval of the Consent Items. A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Galey to approve.

Marcia Fullenkamp gave an update on the financial report. Federal grant reimbursement requests were provided. MOE has been submitted. A new component has been added to the federal grant application process. GEPA Section 427 must also be completed and submitted before grant approvals. Claims 124380-124434, along with payroll claims were presented for payment.

Dr. Roeder asked if there were any additions or corrections to the July 16, 2024 minutes.

Hearing no questions regarding the minutes or financial report, motion carried.

Action Items –

Personnel Update – Dr. Brewer presented a letter of resignation from Stefani Reindorf, Registered Behavior Technician. Dr. Brewer also presented a letter of Retirement from Marcia Fullenkamp, effective June 30, 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Galey to accept both letters. Mr. Moorhead seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of TAG policy – The TAG policy was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Melton to approve the policy. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. It was noted that the year needed to be changed from 2023-2024 to 2024-2025 before it is sent. Mr. Melton and Mr. Ross agreed to the motion with the noted change. Motion carried.

Information Items –

The preschool update was provided. Lawrenceburg class size is being monitored along with walk-in speech services. South Dearborn is also being monitored for class size. There are also a couple of students who are being evaluated that may need additional supports.

ROD Themes & Goals – Dr. Brewer provided information about the first day team building activity around ROD Elevates. One of the goals is for Evaluation Compliance. ROD is working on using more technology to ensure efficiency and compliance.

Discussion Items –

Dr. Brewer presented a memo regarding the legal and professional obligations of implementing an IEP that came about as a result of a complaint investigation. The Board would like to use this for all corporations.

Dr. Brewer wants to get back to doing Special Education staff recognitions. A Google form will be created to get nominations.

Dr. Brewer discussed the new state/local attendance policy. If a student has a medical condition that could result in absences, the school needs to have the parent contact the doctor and send in a note to that effect.

CPI training will be held on September 11 and September 18 for anyone who was unable to attend the summer trainings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.