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

October 15, 2024

The meeting of the Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 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 9:00 a.m. to 9:38 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 9:40 a.m. by Branden Roeder.

Public Comments – None

The agenda was presented. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to accept the agenda. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Items -

Mr. Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting and the financial report. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

Marcia Fullenkamp gave the financial report. Federal grant reimbursements were provided. The FY 2025 619 grant was submitted to DOE on October 1, 2024. The FY 2025 611 grant is ready to be submitted. Claims 124483-124539, along with payroll claims, were presented for payment. There was one claim for transportation that was highlighted.

Dr. Roeder asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, motion carried.

Action Items -

Marcia Fullenkamp gave an overview of the two grants. The 619 grant has four paraprofessionals on it along with non-public expenses. On the 611 grant, all teachers that ROD reimburses have been added along with the paraprofessionals at JCD Elementary. There is also a portion used for non-public costs. Benefits are included also. A motion was made by Mr. Moorhead to approve the federal grants. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Informational Items –

The preschool report was presented. There were no questions regarding the report.

The OT department gave a presentation on Early Intervention MTSS services. New this year, they are doing push-in services in the preschool and kindergarten classes to provide early handwriting supports to the students. Teachers and parents are also involved in the process.

Discussion Items –

ROD Cooperative Updates – Dr. Brewer presented information from a company that could provide classroom services to support those students who need more behavior training. He is looking at the possibility of servicing 12-15 students in the elementary level. He is investigating the possibility of using excess cost money to pay for the program. He has a phone call set up and will possibly do an on-site visit.

Dr. Brewer discussed the possibility of using PCG as a 504 plan provider. Discussion followed that PCG will no longer be the IEP provider. It was decided to table this until more information is available regarding the new IEP program.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.