

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the November 2, 2020 Meeting

Members present: Dr. Debbie Howell, Dr. George Philhower, Dr. Matthew Hicks, Mr. Aron Boriwiak, Ms. Mort Maurer and Mrs. Liza Bates. Ms. Tammy Chavis was also in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Philhower called the meeting to order at 9:52 A.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Borowiak made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Howell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Hicks moved to accept the agenda, Dr. Howell seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared that the FY 2021 611 grant will be opened soon. The FY 2020 and FY 2019 grants are almost expended. Mrs. Bates shared Medicaid reimbursement data for speech/OT/PT services for each of the four corporations.

5. New Business

A. Degree Reimbursement Plan

The board discussed the development of a degree reimbursement plan as the Blind/Low Vision Consultant position was posted with the possibility of financial assistance to obtain licensure. Mrs. Bates shared an example of a degree reimbursement plan. Mrs. Bates will seek legal counsel regarding plans of this type. The board agreed to table this discussion pending further information.

6. Discussion Items

A. Virtual Special Education Services

Mrs. Bates shared a sample form from Church, Church Hittle, and Antrim related to confidentiality during virtual instruction that participating corporations may choose to implement. The board discussed ways in which each corporation was handling virtual students who do not engage in the virtual learning experiences provided to them.

B. SEA 346 Update

Mrs. Bates provided the board with an update related to this legislation related to accommodations for state testing.

C. Professional Development

New teacher training is provided virtually on Fridays. CPI Refresher training may be provided after school.

8. Adjournment

Dr. Howell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 A.M., seconded by Dr. Hicks. The motion carried 4-0.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2020, 9:30 AM, East Central



Chairperson