

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the May 22, 2024 Meeting

Members present: Ms. Tammy Chavis, Mr. John Edge, Mr. Andy Stover, Dr. Hicks, and Mrs. Liza Bates. Mr. Stover was not in attendance after the director's report.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Chavis called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Edge made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Dr. Hicks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared an overview of expenditures for the previous month and presented accompanying documents for the board to review. The 2024-2025 paraprofessional training grant and Robokind grant have been submitted for each of the participating corporations. The Maintenance of Effort materials have been approved for Franklin County and Northeastern.

5. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates shared an update on professional development and other supports provided by the cooperative thus far this school year. Mrs. Bates reported that the Unified Games Day was a success and thanked the board for supporting this opportunity. She shared information about summer professional development/training for administrators and teachers. She also told the board that Article 7 was recently updated.

6. New Business

A. Personnel - Jordyn Ansel, School Psychologist

Mrs. Bates recommended Jordyn as a school psychologist for the 2024-2025 school year. Jordyn will serve as the school psychology team leader and will be on a 194 day contract. Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve this recommendation, seconded by Mr. Edge. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Personnel - Brandi Runnebohm, Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Mrs. Bates recommended Brandi as a .5 FTE deaf/hard of hearing consultant for the 2024-2025 school year. Brandi will also continue to serve as a .5 FTE teacher of record for St. Michael. Brandi will be on a 190 day contract. Dr. Hicks made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Mr. Edge. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Personnel - Arika Lathery, Lead Coordinator

Mrs. Bates recommended Arika as a lead coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year. The role of lead coordinator was tabled pending an approved job description for a lead coordinator position. Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve an extension of six additional days to Arika's current letter of employment. Mr Edge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Local Educational Agency (LEA)

Tabled until the next meeting due to Mr. Stover's absence.

7. Discussion Items

A. Projections

Mrs. Bates provided projections as well as staffing recommendations to the board for the upcoming school year.

B. Pre-Employment Transition Services-Career Coach

Mrs. Bates shared that she has been working with Vocational Rehabilitation and Pre-ETS providers to develop a plan to collaborate on career coaching.

C. MTSS - Next Steps

MTSS training opportunities will be provided next year for the participating districts' elementary schools as well as middle schools.

D. Alternate Diploma - Next Steps

Mrs. Bates will continue to work with secondary level applied skills teachers this summer and throughout next school year. Elementary and middle school applied skills teachers will also be included in this work next year.

E. Special Education Teacher Evaluation

Mrs. Bates and coordinators will provide instructional coaching for special education teachers and support to principals for special education teacher evaluations beginning in the fall.

8. Board Comments

No comments.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Edge moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 A.M., seconded by Dr. Hicks. The motion carried 3-0.



Chairperson

Next meeting - June 10 ,2024, 9:00 A.M - East Central office

Executive Session 9:00 AM followed by regular board meeting directly after

