

**EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Union County High School  
410 Patriot Boulevard  
Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the October 10, 2019 Meeting

Members present: Ms. Tammy Chavis, Dr. Laura Blessing, Dr. George Philhower, Mr. Aron Borowiak, Ms. Mort Maurer, and Mrs. Liza Bates.

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Borowiak called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Borowiak made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Philhower seconded. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Philhower moved to accept the agenda, Mr. Borowiak seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Financial Report**

The financial report was reviewed and discussed.

Mrs. Bates shared that the FY 2018 grant has been expended and the final report will be prepared soon. The FY 2019 grant will be opened in January or February, 2020. The FY 2020 grants have both been approved by the DOE.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming was discussed. Corporations received the January – March 2019 reimbursements recently. This has been found to be a successful endeavor and worth the time involved. Mrs. Bates will provide a reminder to those staff members included in each corporation's staff pool about this process as well as materials to assist them in responding to the survey questions.

**5. New Business**

**A. 2019-2020 Budget**

Mrs. Bates presented the 2019-2020 budget information. The budget presented represented a 1.7 % decrease from the previous year's budget. Combined IDEA grant funding is \$64,814 less this year. Preschool IDEA grant funds were discussed and it was decided to continue to reimburse the corporations with these funds. Mrs. Bates shared concern about speech therapy services in the future and the impact that using a staffing agency or teletherapy may have on the budget. If grant funds continue to decline, adjustments may have to be made in cooperative spending.

Mr. Borowiak made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 budget. Dr. Philhower seconded. Motion carried.

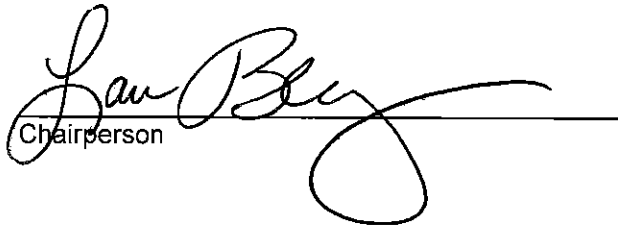
**6. Discussion Items**

- A. Mrs. Bates provided information from the recent ICASE Fall Conference. Sessions attended included updates from the dispute resolution committee, a session led by DOE special education complaint investigators, and special education attorney presentations.
- B. Mrs. Bates shared that she is investigating speech teletherapy as a potential option for speech services in future.
- C. Parent survey information was shared. While there was some increase in the response rate, this is an area that is still in need of improvement.
- D. Upcoming professional development opportunities were discussed.

**7. Adjournment**

Dr. Philhower moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 A.M., seconded by Mr. Borowiak. The motion carried.

Next Meeting – November 4, 2019 – East Central

  
Chairperson