

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the September 24, 2021 Meeting

Members present: Ms. Tammy Chavis, Mr. Aron Borowiak, Mr. Andy Stover, Ms. Mort Maurer, and Mrs. Liza Bates.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Borowiak called the meeting to order at 9:36 A.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Chavis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Stover seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Stover made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Chavis seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared the electronic version of the financial packet with the board. She reviewed the grant and state/local fund accounts. She reported that the FY2021 grant was almost expended and projected that the FY 2022 grant will begin to be used in three to four months.

5. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates shared information about a legal update with the board as well as information about upcoming professional development.

6. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Maurer shared that ISPROUT training has been completed. She indicated that there are several preschool referrals across the four corporations. Many of these children have social/emotional needs.

7. Old Business

A. Special Education Director Evaluation Tool

Mr. Stover made a motion to approve the evaluation tool as presented, seconded by Ms. Chavis. Motion carried 3-0.

8. New Business

A. 2022 Budget

Mrs. Bates shared the proposed budget with the board and offered several suggestions related to increasing revenue. Suggestions included utilizing rollover funds from the previous grant to cover additional expenses, utilizing the special education preschool grant monies for cooperative costs, billing participating corporations for the LEA compensation fee rather than paying it out of the grant funds, and forwarding Medicaid funds received for OT, PT, and speech services to the cooperative. Mr. Borowiak asked about the budgeted amount for salary increases. Mrs. Bates stated that a 3% increase was calculated. Mr. Borowiak stated that with the increased funding from the state that the increase will more than likely be greater than what was budgeted for and there may be a need to look at personnel expenses. Mr. Stover made a motion to approve the proposed budget, seconded by Ms. Chavis. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Teacher Appreciation Grants

Ms. Chavis made a motion to approve stipends for certified East Central staff from the IDEA federal grant of an equivalent amount to the funds provided to Union County teachers from the Teacher Appreciation Grant, seconded by Mr. Stover. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Blind/Low Vision Services

Mr. Stover made a motion to approve reimbursement to Mort Maurer for costs associated with obtaining CPR certification and an emergency teaching license for blind/low vision for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Ms. Chavis. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion about blind/low vision coursework reimbursement for Liza Bates was tabled until the next meeting.

9. Discussion Items

A. Corporation Level Special Education Funding Meetings

Mrs. Bates shared that she would be reaching out to schedule meetings in each corporation regarding special education funding.

B. Data Reporting/Analysis Plan

Mrs. Bates shared the plan she has developed related to reporting of/analyzing Results Driven Accountability data.

C. Special Education Program Evaluation Schedule

Mrs. Bates shared and confirmed that the schedule worked for each participating corporation.

10. Board Comments

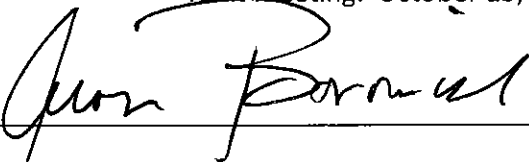
Mr. Stover indicated that he appreciated Mrs. Bates' support to the district.

Mr. Borowiak stated that he appreciated the work of Mrs. Bates and Ms. Maurer in the district with supporting the new and emergency licensed special education teachers.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Stover moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 A.M., seconded by Ms. Chavis. The motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2021, 9:30 AM, East Central



Chairperson