

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the February 23, 2024 Meeting

Members present: Ms. Tammy Chavis, Dr. Matthew Hicks, Mr. John Edge, Mr. Andy Stover, and Mrs. Liza Bates.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Chavis called the meeting to order at 2:04 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Stover made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Edge 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 FY 2024 IDEA grants have just been opened due to several delays that occurred at the state and local levels. The Robokind and Paraprofessional grants are running through the individual districts rather than the cooperative. Mrs. Bates is working with corporation treasurers to make this a smooth process.

5. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates provided special education teacher caseload projections as well as staffing recommendations to the board to consider for the upcoming school year. Projections will be provided again in May, as well.

Mrs. Bates shared an update on professional development and other activities that have been provided by the cooperative thus far this school year.

6. New Business

A. Personnel - Lisa Schmidt, Coordinator - Retirement

Mr. Stover made a motion to accept Lisa Schmidt's retirement, seconded by Mr. Edge. Motion carried, 4-0.

7. Discussion Items

A. Alternate Diploma Workgroup Update: Work Experience

Mrs. Bates shared that the applied skills teachers and coordinators will meet with staff from Vocational Rehabilitation and Pre-Employment Transition Services to discuss work experience opportunities and support for students on the alternate diploma.

B. Unified Game Day

Mrs. Bates indicated that secondary applied skills students will be coming together for the annual Unified Game Day in May.

C. MTSS Update

The MTSS training is going well and districts are learning from one another. Northeastern Wayne Elementary presented at the last meeting.

D. Professional Development - Summer

Mrs. Bates will be planning a summer training for special education teachers.

8. Board Comments

No comments.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Stover moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 P.M., seconded by Mr. Edge. The motion carried 4-0.



Chairperson

Next meeting - April 15, 2024, 9:00 A.M - East Central office