

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

East Central Special Services  
107 Layman Street  
Liberty, IN 47353

**Minutes from the May 21, 2021 Meeting**

Members present: Dr. George Philhower, Dr. Matthew Hicks, Ms. Tammy Chavis, Mr. Aron Borowiak, and Mrs. Liza Bates.

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Philhower called the meeting to order at 10:11 A.M.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Financial Report**

Mrs. Bates shared the financial packet with the board. She noted that staff in each of their districts have been working on data verification for the FY 2022 IDEA grants. There has been no information on FY 2022 grant allocations thus far.

IDOE has indicated that there will be stimulus funding coming through the IDEA grants and that they estimate this money to be about 20% of the typical grant amounts.

The FY 2021 MOE form is being piloted in a few districts and should be coming out soon.

**5. New Business**

**A. Personnel, Arika Lathery - Diagnostician/Blind Low Vision Teacher of Service**

Ms. Chavis made a motion to approve Arika Lathery as a diagnostician/blind low vision teacher of service. Dr. Hicks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**B. Personnel, Leah McCool - Nonpublic School Paraprofessional Resignation**

Ms. Chavis made a motion to approve Leah McCool's resignation as a paraprofessional at St. Michael School. Mr. Borowiak seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **C. Special Education Administrator Contracts**

Dr. Hicks made a motion to renew the East Central administrator contracts for another year so that they continue to roll forward as two year contracts for both the director and coordinator. Mr. Borowiak seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **D. Letters of Agreement**

Dr. Hicks made a motion to reapprove the letters of agreement for East Central staff for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Chavis seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

### **E. Stipends per Union County Teacher Contract**

Mr. Borowiak approved a stipend of \$608.52 for East Central teachers equivalent to the stipend provided to other teachers on the Union County contract. Ms. Chavis seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

### **F. ESSR Stipends for East Central Staff**

Mr. Borowiak indicated that Union County is planning to provide ESSR stipends to staff and recommends that these same stipends be provided to East Central staff. After discussion, Dr. Hicks made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. Dr. Philhower seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

## **6. Discussion Items**

### **A. IIEP Transition to LINK**

Ms. Bates shared that the transition went well with only a few snags. All teachers and administrators are now able to access the IEP program through LINK.

### **B. Special Education Teachers -Article 7 Criteria**

Mrs. Bates shared that she has developed a tool to gather information regarding professional development and coursework for those teachers on emergency permits. Per Article 7, teachers on emergency permits will continue to need professional development and supervision or a mentor for the time that they are on a temporary license. More classroom based support is planned for these teachers, as well.

### **C. Professional Development - East Central/Corporation**

Discussion ensued about the role of the cooperative in professional development for special education teachers vs. the role of the corporations. Mrs. Bates was asked to develop a professional development plan for the upcoming school year.

### **D. Realignment of Governing Board Meeting Schedule**

The plan for the 2021-2022 school year will be for East Central board meetings to be on the second Friday of the month.

**7. Adjournment**

Dr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 A.M., seconded by Mr. Borowiak. The motion carried 4-0.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2021, 9:30 AM, East Central

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg P. Miller", written over a horizontal line.

Chairperson