

**EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**East Central Special Services**

**107 Layman Street**

**Liberty, IN 47353**

**Minutes from the April 15, 2024 Meeting**

Members present: Ms. Tammy Chavis, Mr. John Edge, Mr. Andy Stover, and Mrs. Liza Bates. Dr. Hicks was not in attendance.

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Chavis called the meeting to order at 8:59 A.M.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Edge 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 amended agenda. Mr. Edge seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**4. Financial Report**

Mrs. Bates shared an overview of expenditures for the previous month and presented accompanying documents for the board to review.

**5. Director's Report**

Mrs. Bates shared an update on professional development and other supports provided by the cooperative thus far this school year. Special education teachers will need to complete the literacy endorsement to renew their licenses just as general education teachers now have to do. Updates were provided about MTSS and the alternate diploma workgroups.

**6. New Business**

**A. Personnel - Liza Bates, Director - Benefits Addendum**

Mrs. Bates' benefits were discussed. No action was taken and this item will be tabled at this time.

**B. Personnel - Kizzy Becker, 2023-2024 Contract Extension**

Mrs. Bates requested that Kizzy's current letter of employment be extended for five additional days to allow her to work with the other coordinators after school is out. Mr. Stover made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Mr. Edge. Motion carried 3-0.

**7. Discussion Items**

**A. LEA Fee**

Additional information will be gathered and presented at the next meeting.

**B. Required Expenditure of Tuition Support for Teacher Compensation- Cooperative Staff**

Mrs. Bates shared legal guidance from Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim that, due to being a joint service and supply agency, the LEA is the only district that can utilize cooperative staff's salaries as part of their required expenditure of tuition support for teacher compensation.

**C. Professional Development - Summer**

Mrs. Bates shared information about the summer training for special education teachers on July 31 and August 1 at Union County Middle School. Training for administrators will also be held.

**D. 2024-2025 Paraprofessional Training Grants**

Mrs. Bates shared that she will be applying for these grants for the participating corporations for 2024-2025 as well as the Robokind grants.

**8. Board Comments**

No comments.

**9. Adjournment**

Mr. Edge moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Mr. Stover. The motion carried 3-0.

  
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Chairperson

Next meeting - May 20,2024, 9:00 A.M - East Central office