

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the July 9, 2021 Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Borowiak called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Chavis made a motion to amend the agenda to add item 8E, Board Calendar. Dr. Hicks seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Presentation by Sandi Cole, Center of Education and Lifelong Learning

Dr. Cole presented information to the board about the special education program evaluation services that the center can offer to help the participating corporations and the cooperative improve special education services to students.

5. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared the financial packet with the board. There has been no information on FY 2022 grant allocations thus far. The typical due date for the IDEA grants is July 31st. She believes that this date will be extended due to the lack of information/tardiness of the rollout of the grant applications.

6. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates shared that there are several special education positions in the participating corporations as yet unfilled for the 2021-2022 school year. This may be the time for districts to consider strategies to provide incentives to those taking positions in special education. As far as

cooperative staff, the joint agreement indicates that it is the governing board that determines the pay/benefits for East Central staff, not the Union County contract or Union County board.

7. Coordinator's Report

No report.

8. New Business

A. Personnel: Amanda Williams, Speech Language Pathology Assistant - Resignation

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve the resignation of Amanda Williams, seconded by Ms. Chavis. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Personnel: Sarah Dorrel, Speech Language Pathologist - Resignation

Ms. Chavis made a motion to approve the resignation of Sarah Dorrel, seconded by Dr. Hicks. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Personnel: Emily Myers, Speech Language Pathology Assistant

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve the hire of Emily Myers as a speech language pathology assistant, seconded by Ms. Chavis. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Special Education Administrator Rubric

Mrs. Bates shared draft rubrics that aligned with the RISE principal and ISBA superintendent rubrics, as well as one aligned to the administrative standards. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting with plans to consider aligning the director's evaluation tool with the director's job description.

E. Board Calendar

Dr. Hicks requested that the 2021-2022 governing board calendar be revisited due to scheduling conflicts. The third Monday of the month was proposed as a potential meeting date. This discussion was tabled and a revised meeting schedule will be presented at the next meeting.

9. Discussion Items

A. Emergency Permits for Special Education

Mrs. Bates shared recent information from IDOE regarding the discontinuation of emergency permits for special education after the 2021-2022 school year. She indicated that East Central will ensure that all special education teachers on emergency permits or transition to teaching licenses receive intensive professional development and supervision as per the IDOE documents. She will continue to maintain documentation for those on emergency permits, as well.

B. New Teacher Training

Mrs. Bates shared that new special education teacher orientation will be held August 3rd as well as again on August 18th.

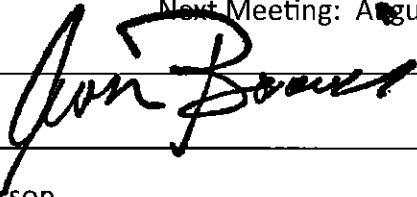
10. Board Comments

No comments.

11. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: August 17, 2021, 12:30 PM, East Central

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Chairperson