

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the February 21, 2023 Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

Dr. Hicks called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Edge made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Stover 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. Claims to be paid by Union County are being reported monthly and quarterly reporting will be provided from Union County regarding costs associated with the compensation fee that the district receives for being the cooperative's Local Education Agency (LEA).

5. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates shared information with the board pertaining to testing accommodations and the I-READ 3 Good Cause Exemption. Mrs. Bates also shared updates with the board about the new alternate diploma.

6. New Business

A. Special Education Administrative Assistant Compensation

The East Central board previously voted to align Mindy Gaebel and Debbie Blevins in the same pay "column" at their December, 2021 board meeting.

Ms. Chavis made a motion to "decouple" Mindy Gaebel and Debbie Blevins as far as their hourly rate/salary, increase Mindy's hourly rate by \$1.00 with future increases being determined by the East Central board. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Discussion Items

A. Amendment to the Bargaining Unit - Update from Union County

Mr. Edge updated the board on the steps taken and to be taken by Union County Schools regarding this matter.

B. Programming for Students with Behavioral Challenges

The board discussed various options for programming. Mrs. Bates will continue to explore this topic and bring information back to the board.

C. Educational Costs Reimbursement Loan Agreements

The board discussed the use of these loan agreements for East Central staff wanting to add licensure.

8. Board Comments

No comments.

0. Adjournment

Mr. Stover moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 A.M., seconded by Ms. Chavis. The motion carried 4-0.

Chairperson