

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the April 28, 2025 Meeting

Members present: Mr. Andy Stover, Dr. Matthew Hicks, Mr. Dustin Gehring, Mr. John Edge, and Mrs. Liza Bates.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Stover called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Gehring made a motion to approve the proposed 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.

5. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates provided caseload projections for the 2025-2026 school year for each of the participating corporations. The professional development opportunities that have been provided to staff from participating districts thus far this school year were reviewed. Manifestation determination information was also provided.

6. New Business

A. Personnel - Emily Chambers, SLPA - Maternity Leave

The board determined that this did not require action by the board. Mrs. Bates will approve Mrs. Chambers leave of absence.

B. Personnel - Brittany Singer, COTA

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve Brittany Singer as a Certified Occupational Therapist for 7 hours per week for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Edge seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

C. LEA Transition

The board discussed the transition of the cooperative from Union County to Western Wayne, as well as changes to be made to the joint agreement. No vote was taken.

7. Discussion Items

A. Powerschool Special Programs

Mrs. Bates shared information about the roll out of the new IEP program.

B. MTSS Next Steps

Mrs. Bates shared that she would like to focus next year's professional development on Universal Design for Learning to strengthen Tier 1 across the four districts. She would also like to work on improving secondary level special education interventions.

C. Coordinator Job Description

Mrs. Bates shared a draft job description for the coordinator position with the board.

D. ABA Update

Mrs. Bates shared information with the board about ABA services in the schools.

E. Unified Game Day

Mrs. Bates invited the board to attend this event on May 16.

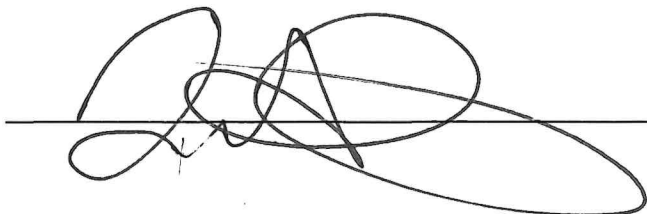
F. Professional Development - Summer

Mrs. Bates updated the board on plans for summer training for administrators and special education teachers.

8. Board Comments

9. Adjournment

Dr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 P.M., seconded by Mr. Edge. The motion carried 4-0.



, Chairperson