

**EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES**

**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

**Minutes from the January 11, 2021 Meeting**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Philhower called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Borowiak 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 provided information to the board regarding the federal IDEA grants. The FY21 preschool grant will be opened soon. Mrs. Bates shared with the new members of the board that this preschool funding is used to reimburse the districts for a portion of their preschool special education teacher's salary. She reminded the board that the corporation must complete time and effort reporting for this individual as he/she is being paid out of both federal and state funds.

**5. New Business**

**A. East Central Teacher Appreciation Grants**

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve stipends for East Central staff on teacher contracts equivalent to the TAG funds provided to Union County teachers. Teachers rated as effective on last year's evaluation will receive \$500; highly effective, \$625.28. Ms. Chavis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**B. East Central Certified Staff Contracts**

After discussion, this topic was tabled until the next meeting. Mrs. Bates will provide additional information to the board at that time.

**C. East Central Non-Certified Staff Letters of Agreement**

After discussion, this topic was tabled until the next meeting. Mrs. Bates will provide additional information to the board at that time.

**D. East Central Non-Certified Office Staff Compensation**

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve a 2% increase for Mindy Gaebel. This increase is in line with that provided to Union County Central Office staff. Ms. Chavis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**6. Discussion Items**

**A. Results Driven Accountability (RDA)**

Mrs. Bates shared RDA data related to the I-Read 3 Assessment. Percent passing for general education and special education students in each corporation was compared with the state average. Discussion ensued regarding reading intervention programs utilized at the elementary level.

**7. Adjournment**

Dr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 A.M., seconded by Mr. Borowiak. The motion carried 4-0.

Next Meeting: February 1, 2021, 9:30 AM, East Central



Chairperson