

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the November 21, 2022 Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

Dr. Hicks called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

2. Presentation - Amy Fox , Church, Church, Hittle Antrim

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Stover made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Ms. Chavis seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared an overview of expenditures for the previous month and presented accompanying documents for the board to review. Mrs. Bates shared that the FY 2023 619 grant has been approved and that the FY 2023 611 grant is pending approval. Mrs. Bates shared information with the board about a recent audit, including the requirement for schools to verify annually that contractors and employees paid from federal funds have not been suspended or debarred by the federal government and excluded from receiving federal funds.

6. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates shared information about the upcoming December 1 child count, including the 2022-2023 Adjusted Pupil Count (APC) funding amounts for each category of special education services. She indicated that the corporations will soon be billed by the cooperative for their nonpublic school students' APC funds.

7. New Business

A. Amendment to the Bargaining Unit

The board reviewed and discussed the information presented by Amy Fox of Church, Church, Hittle, and Antrim. Ms. Chavis made a motion to proceed with the steps necessary to amend the Union County bargaining unit to exclude East Central certificated staff with emails being sent to Union County staff in January, 2023 regarding the proposed change. Mr. Stover seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

B. Support Staff Salary Increases - 5.1%

Ms. Chavis made a motion to approve a 5.1% salary increase for support staff to match that provided to Union County support staff. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Speech Services

Mrs. Bates shared several options for speech services with the board. Ms. Chavis made a motion to allow Mrs. Bates to extend an offer to speech staff should they become available. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

D. Educational Costs Reimbursement Loan Agreement - Jessica Baker, SLPA

Mrs. Bates shared a draft loan agreement with the board. After discussion, the board requested further input from Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim regarding the document. Mrs. Bates will work with Amy Fox on this. Ms. Chavis made a motion to table this topic until the next board meeting. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

E. East Central Staff Serving Franklin County - Additional Day

Mrs. Bates recommended that East Central staff working in Franklin County be asked to take January 3, 2023 as an additional day off due to the discrepancy in contractual days between Union and Franklin County Schools. Ms. Chavis made a motion to approve January 3, 2023 as an additional day off for East Central staff working in Franklin County. Mr. Stover seconded. Motion approved, 3-0.

8. Discussion Items

A. Coordinator Updates

Mrs. Bates shared that she continues to work with coordinators in their new roles.

B. LEA Compensation Fee

The board reviewed and discussed the current model for determining the LEA compensation fee. Additional information will be provided by Amy Fox of Church,

Church, Hittle and Antrim at an upcoming board meeting on this topic as well as examples from other special education cooperatives' joint agreements.

C. Behavior Intervention Programming

Mrs. Bates shared that behavior is an area of significant concern across the cooperative and shared several ideas to be explored. Additional information will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

9. Board Comments

No comments.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Stover moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 A.M., seconded by Ms. Chavis. The motion carried 3-0.



Chairperson