

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the December 16, 2021 Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Borowiak called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Stover seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stover seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared information about the ARP grants. The preschool ARP grant has been approved, but the school age has not been approved yet. The semi-annual certifications for time and effort reporting have been completed for the August to December period.

5. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates shared information about the Results Driven Accountability determinations and related data with the board. She shared that there were errors in the data for Indicator 12 related to timeliness of evaluations that the DOE will be correcting. All four corporations demonstrated compliance with Indicator 13, which addresses secondary transition. Next steps would be to share this information with administrative teams and special education teachers in each district. Mrs. Bates has also shared this information with Sandi Cole who will be completing the special education program evaluation this spring.

6. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Maurer shared that she had delivered books to all preschool classrooms to send home for the holidays.

7. Old Business

A. CPI Training Plan

Discussion ensued about equitable funding for CPI training as Franklin County now has two staff trained to be CPI instructors. Dr. Hicks made a motion to provide Franklin County with the flexibility to continue sending staff to the East Central Service Center for CPI training. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

8. New Business

A. Personnel - Kara Rhoades, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant - Resignation

Mr. Stover moved to approve Kara Rhoades' resignation. Dr. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

B. Personnel - Melissa Suckow, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

Mr. Stover moved to approve the hire of Melissa Suckow as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant 10 hours per week for the cooperative. Dr. Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

C. Personnel - Mindy Koehne, Blind/Low Vision Contracted Services

Dr. Hicks moved to approve the contract for blind/low vision evaluation/consultation services on an as needed basis. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Personnel - Stipends for East Central Teachers Equivalent to Teacher Appreciation Grant Funds

Dr. Hicks moved to approve stipends for qualifying East Central teachers equivalent to the TAG funds provided to Union County teachers. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Personnel - Mindy Gaebel, Administrative Assistant

Dr. Hicks moved to approve a pay increase for Mindy Gaebel to equalize her salary with that of Debbie Blevins in the Union County Central Office. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Personnel - Amanada VanWinkle, Diagnostician

Dr. Hicks moved to approve a salary increase to \$38,880 at this time with a plan to revisit this discussion after a schedule that accounts for years of experience is developed. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Personnel - Jessica Baker, Speech Language Pathology Assistant

Dr. Hicks moved to approve a salary increase to \$38,880 at this time with a plan to revisit this discussion after a schedule that accounts for years of experience is developed. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Discussion Items

A. E-learning Day Expectations for Staff

The board discussed expectations for staff for e-learning days in each corporation. Mrs. Bates will share this information with East Central staff. Mrs. Bates also indicated that she will develop a plan for the additional contractual day in Franklin County for those East Central staff based there.

B. 2013 East Central Reorganization Agreement

The board discussed this 2013 agreement and its impact on retiring staff and determined to seek legal opinion. Mrs. Bates will reach out to the cooperative attorney.

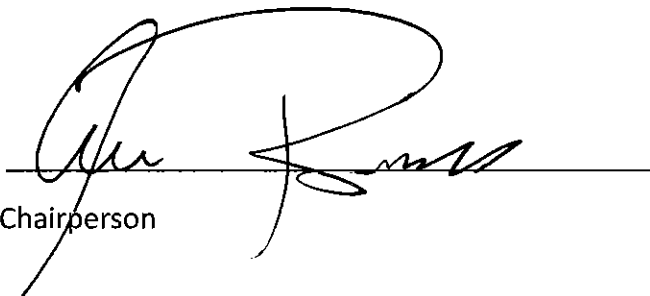
C. East Central Joint Agreement

Mrs. Bates and the board decided to table the review of the joint agreement until the next meeting.

10. Board Comments

11. Adjournment

Dr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 A.M., seconded by Ms. Chavis. The motion carried 4-0.



Chairperson