

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the August 31, 2020 Meeting

Members present: Dr. Debbie Howell, Dr. George Philhower, Dr. Matthew Hicks, Ms. Mort Maurer and Mrs. Liza Bates. Ms. Tammy Chavis was also in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Philhower called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Howell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Hicks moved to accept the agenda, Dr. Howell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared that information for each corporation's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) has been shared with corporation treasurers. This information is needed to complete the Gateway Report that each corporation must submit. It is also needed for audit purposes.

5. New Business

A. Personnel - Yvonne Swafford, Resignation

Dr. Hicks moved to accept the resignation of Yvonne Swafford, Dr. Howell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

B. 2020-2021 Blind/Low Vision Services

Mrs. Bates shared that Fayette County is unable to share a Teacher of Record at this time. Mrs. Bates has applied for an emergency permit and East Central staff will provide services to most students on the caseload. Mrs. Bates recommended the cooperative contract with the Indiana School for the Blind for evaluations and services for high-need students.

Mrs. Bates recommended that the posting for the position be revised to include possible compensation for coursework to obtain the Blind/Low Vision licensure.

Dr. Hicks moved to approve a contract with the Indiana School for the Blind for evaluations and services for high-need blind/low vision students and to revise the current posting to include possible compensation for coursework toward licensure. Dr. Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Discussion Items

A. Virtual Special Education Services

The board discussed special education services for students receiving occupational or physical therapy. Students attending school "in person" will receive "in person" therapy services rather than virtual therapy services as requested.

B. Continuous Learning Plans

Information is being entered into all IEPs regarding special education service delivery during a short-term as well as long-term closure.

C. Contact Tracing

The board discussed ways in which East Central staff could remain informed of students who will be out of school for extended periods of time so that the student's Continuous Learning Plan can be carried out.

D. Professional Development

New teacher training is provided virtually on Fridays. CPI for new staff will be provided virtually but with face-to-face sessions for physical skills. After school sessions will be arranged. Refresher training will be arranged with each superintendent.

8. Adjournment

Dr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 A.M., seconded by Ms. Chavis. The motion carried 3-0.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2020, 9:30 AM, East Central



Chairperson