

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the June 20, 2022 Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Borowiak called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

2. Presentation - Dr. Sandi Cole and Dr. Hardy Murphy

Dr. Cole and Dr. Murphy presented preliminary findings of the East Central program review with the board.

3. Approval of Minutes

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

4. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Chavis made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Dr. Hicks seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared an overview of expenditures for the previous month and presented accompanying documents for the board to review. The data verification and assurance documents have been submitted for the FY23 IDEA grants. She shared that information for the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) will be provided to each of the member districts in the upcoming month.

6. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates reported that the DOE-TR and DOE-EV reports are to be submitted soon by the participating districts. The East Central office has provided information to the data specialist in each district to assist with completing these reports and can assist the district in working through any data conflicts should they occur.

Mrs. Bates shared information and asked for input regarding the recent training for administrators regarding special education and 504 regulations, as well as apprised the board on progress toward a paraprofessional onboarding program being developed for the cooperative by INSOURCE.

7. New Business

A. 2022-2023 Governing Board Officers

Mr. Stover made a motion to accept these officers for the upcoming year: President, Dr. Hicks; Vice President, Ms. Chavis; and Secretary, Mr. Stover. Ms. Chavis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

B. 2022-2023 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Bates shared a draft meeting schedule for the upcoming year with the board. After some discussion and revision by the board, Mr. Stover moved to approve the revised meeting schedule for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Chavis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

C. East Central Insurance Renewal

Mrs. Bates presented the insurance renewal quote with the board. After discussion, it was determined that she will seek legal opinion regarding insurance coverage. Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve the insurance renewal for the cooperative for the upcoming year. Ms. Chavis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

D. CPI Training

Mrs. Bates suggested that CPI training be provided by the cooperative rather than through the Educational Service Center to allow for greater flexibility in training dates and locations. Dr. Hicks made a motion for the cooperative to provide CPI training to member districts. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Personnel - Bonnie Bowers, School Psychologist, Resignation

Ms. Chavis made a motion to accept Ms. Bower's resignation. Mr. Stover seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Personnel - Bonnie Bowers, School Psychologist, Letter of Agreement

Mr. Stover made a motion to approve Bonnie Bowers as a contracted school psychologist on a letter of agreement to assist the cooperative with cognitive evaluations on an as needed basis. Ms. Chavis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Personnel - Hannah Carlson, Speech Language Pathology Assistant

Dr. Hicks made a motion to approve Hannah Carlson as a speech language pathology assistant on a letter of agreement for the upcoming school year. Mr. Stover seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

H. Speech Language Pathologists - Stipend for SLPA Supervision

After discussion, the board agreed to table this discussion pending further information.

8. Discussion Items

A. 2022-2023 East Central Staffing Options

The board discussed different staffing options for the cooperative based upon the preliminary findings from the special education program evaluation.

B. Coordinator Interviews

The board discussed their participation in and scheduling of the special education coordinator interviews.

9. Board Comments

None

10. Adjournment

Dr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 P.M., seconded by Mr. Stover. The motion carried 4-0.



Chairperson