

EAST CENTRAL INDIANA SPECIAL SERVICES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

East Central Special Services

107 Layman Street

Liberty, IN 47353

Minutes from the October 15, 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 12:38 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Financial Report

Mrs. Bates shared the electronic version of the financial packet with the board. She reviewed the grant and state/local fund accounts. She reported that the FY2021 611 grant was almost expended and projected that the FY 2022 611 grant will be opened soon. Ms. Chavis asked for an explanation of the 1310 account.

5. Director's Report

Mrs. Bates shared information about a legal update with the board as well as information that referrals for testing are on the rise in some, but not all, schools. She will meet with the school psychology team to develop a plan regarding the use of data to consider eligibility for special education services.

6. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Maurer shared that she was working on placing students prior to the December 1 child count.

7. Old Business

A. Personnel - Liza Bates, Blind/Low Vision Educational Costs Reimbursement Loan Agreement

The board reviewed the document and determined that Ms. Bates and Mr. Borowiak will consult with Church, Church, Hittle, and Antrim on this agreement. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

8. New Business

None

9. Discussion Items

A. IDEA ARP Grants

Mrs. Bates shared that the ARP grant applications will be due soon. She shared her thoughts on use of these funds. She indicated that she will present the grants at the next board meeting.

B. Corporation Level Special Education Funding Meetings

Mrs. Bates will be working with superintendents to schedule meetings in each of their districts to discuss special education funding.

C. East Central Joint Agreement

Mrs. Bates and the board began a review of the joint agreement in preparation for the program evaluation to be completed next semester.

10. Board Comments

~~Dr. Hicks apologized to the board for the schedule change.~~

11. Adjournment

Dr. Hicks moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 P.M., seconded by Ms. Chavis. The motion carried 4-0.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2021, East Central office

8:30 AM - Executive Session; 9:30 AM - Board Meeting


Chairperson