

JESSE VISION STATEMENT

Special Education services will be managed and provided by the participating School Corporations and their respective Schools. JESSE will work collaboratively with School Staff to ensure full compliance with the law and to make certain effective, individually designed instruction is provided to maximize achievement for all of our students with disabilities.

Joint Educational Services in Special Education

JESSE Board of Managers Meeting

JESSE Central Office

Monday, June 17, 2019

10:00 A.M. EST

MINUTES

1.0 Organization of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order – Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, Union North, President called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. at the Plymouth Administration Building.

Members present for the meeting were:

Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver
Mr. Dick Reese, John Glenn
Dr. William Reichhart, Knox
Mr. Andy Hartley, Plymouth
Mrs. Linda Holland, J.E.S.S.E. Director
Mrs. Joyce Hanselman, J.E.S.S.E. Administrative Assistant

Members absent were:

Mr. Ned Speicher, Argos
Dr. Don Harman, Oregon Davis

1.2 Recognition of Visitors - Courtney Fuchs, Connie Erickson-Loucks were in attendance as well as Albert Hanselman and Sandy Thomas from NCAVC.

Any visitor may request to speak to any agenda item on the posted agenda. The Board President will recognize visitors with special comments/concerns at the appropriate time. All citizens are encouraged to visit JESSE Board Meetings and observe proceedings.

5.1 Friday Notes Q/Q

Paraprofessional Training, Linda Holland presented the following information on the subject.

- Note the Training using the PEPPER platform included in this board packet,
- Is available to you FREE. Project SUCCESS offers many fine trainings around the state for staff and paraprofessionals.
- Please consider participation.
- In past JESSE handled this. Now local responsibility.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Memorandum of Understanding with Central Indiana Pre-Employment Transition Collaborative

- Final copy of the draft was shared with you last month
- PEAK will supply the job coaches needed for our program at Ancilla which were previously funded by the Marshall County Community Foundation. Currently, PEAK has given Letters of Assurance to our 2 current employees who I expect will take those positions and resign from JESSE.

A motion was made to support the partnership with PEAK moving forward for the next year by Dr. Annette Zupin and seconded by Mr. Dick Reese. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Purchasing of New Technology for Office/Staff Use

- New Technology has been ordered for the move and finalization of the Technology portion of our lease are in the process. Currently, that balance in building fund is \$89,710.
- This building fund was started over 15 years ago by all corporations donating to it from their corporation funds with no specific paperwork that I can find to how it was to be spent. Dr. Bill Reichhart requested that more research be done to find when the building fund was established and how the funds were to be used.
- This fall, we can look into investing this money to earn more interest.

A motion was made to allow up to \$20,000 to be used from the building fund to cover all moving expenses and technology by Mr. Andy Hartley. Seconded by Dr. Bill Reichhart. Motion passed unanimously.

6.3 2019-2020 Budget Linda Holland discussed changes to the budget of the following:

- Large increase of Deaf Hard of Hearing is due to increased student placements in the program for next year that require language facilitation. Linda is not recommending hiring additional staff at this meeting as I want to ensure the new students actually enroll, however, have the need to budget for this as Culver is 99.9% sure all 4 new students will be there. (2 are from Union North and 2 are Transfers from North Judson and Oregon Davis) If additional staff is not needed, she will come back to the board in September with a discussion about reduction in payment.
- Includes 3% increase for classified staff in the event the board offers a raise.
- \$8,000 available to schools to use for TEACHTOWN training

Mr. Dick Reese made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 budget of \$1,853,788 with a \$300,000 cash back and Mrs. Karen Shuman seconded. There was discussion about speech services between schools. If there is a need for this service, it is a courtesy agreement through a memorandum of understanding, not a shared service.