Joint Educational Services in Special Education Regular Board Meeting Monday, December 11, 2023

10:00 a.m. EDT Plymouth Administration Office

MINUTES

1. Mitch Mawhorter, Board President called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. Members present for the meeting were: Ned Speicher, Argos, Greg Mikulich, Knox, William Bennett, Oregon Davis, Mitch Mawhorter, Plymouth, Jeremy Riffle, Triton, Angela Pizza, Union North and Tresa Hammond, Interim Director. Those not present were Karen Shuman, Culver, Christopher Winchell, John Glenn, Kelly Shepherd, North Judson San Pierre.

Mitch Mawhorter recognized visitor Jennifer Felke, CTE Director. The agenda of the December 11, 2023 Regular Session Board Meeting was presented.

2. Consent items including minutes of the October 3, 2023 JESSE Board Meeting, Resignation of Ashley McCallum, School Based Therapist, on January 12, 2024, and hiring Karen White as a COTA at the same rate as when she left. Karen will start January 1, 2024. Jessica Hershberger, OT-R, will be working 5 days a week instead of 3 days a week starting second semester.

Vendor and Payroll Claims for November 1 - November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$149,602.42 were presented and approved. Jeremy Riffle made the motion to approve all consent items and Bill Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Tresa Hammond shared that Nathan Braun, 2023 Recipient of the Tom Dulle \$500 Scholarship, had received his money. Tresa Hammond shared that ESCRFT Insurance had increased to \$70,780.01 for 2024. This is a 24.4 % increase over last year.
- 4. Inventory from JESSE was discussed. Tresa Hammond recommended the materials remain at the current schools and with specific students at the end of the school year. JESSE office furniture to be divided among the service districts at the end of the school year. Jeremy Riffle made a motion to approve the recommendation and Bill Bennett seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Tresa Hammond presented a conflict of interest disclosure statement to the Board to work with John Glenn and Union North School Corporations one day per week during the second semester. Ned Speicher made a motion to approve the recommendation and Greg Mikulich seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Angela Piazza thanked the Board members for supporting the conflict of interest disclosure stating that JG and UN needed help hiring staff for next year and finalizing procedures/policies.

The next JESSE Board Meeting date is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 at Plymouth Administration at 10:00 AM EST following the North Central CTE meeting.

6. A motion was made at 10:45 a.m. by Ned Speicher to adjourn the meeting. Greg Mikulich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President - Plymouth Ms. Karen Shuman Mr. Christopher Winchell /Board Member - Culver Vice President - John Glenn Mr. Greg Mikulich Mr, Ned Speicher Board Member - Argos Board Member - Knox Mr. Kelly Shepherd Mr. Bill Bennett Board Member - NJSP Secretary- Oregon Davis Mr. Jeremy Riffle Dr. Angela Piazza **Board Member - Triton** Board Member - Union-North