

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, MAY 14, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

1.0 Organization of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order – Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, Union North, President called the meeting to order at 10:30AM.

Members present for the meeting were:

Mr. Ned Speicher, Argos
Mr. Mark Maudlin, John Glenn
Dr. William Reichhart, Knox
Dr. Annette Zupin, North Judson San Pierre
Dr. Don Harman, Oregon Davis
Mr. Andy Hartley, Plymouth
Mrs. Linda Holland, J.E.S.S.E. Director
Mr. Rob Richards, J.E.S.S.E. Assistant Director
Mrs. Sharon Stewart, J.E.S.S.E. Office Manager

Members absent for the meeting were:

Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver
Mr. Dick Reese, John Glenn
Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Triton

1.2 Recognition of Visitors

Mrs. Louise Buza, J.E.S.S.E. Compliance Monitor

2.0 Consent Items

2.1 Agenda of the May 14, 2018 Regular Session Meeting.

2.2 Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Regular Session Meeting.

3.0 Approve Personnel Recommendations

3.1 Resignation: None at this time

3.2 New Hire: None at this time

4.0 Approve Claims: Vendor and Payroll Claims for April 1, 2018 to April 30, 2018 in the amount of \$160,488.08.

Dr. Don Harmon made a motion to approve the Consent, Personnel and Claim Items as presented. Mr. Andy Hartley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Discussion/Action Items

5.1 Alternative Programs

There are currently 8 students at SAVE and 11 students at Plymouth Academy.

Mrs. Annette Zupin made a motion to eliminate the SAVE Program for the 2018-2019 school year and to also remove ourselves from the lease for that Building also. Dr. Don Harman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Information Agenda

6.1 2018-19 Budget

The Final 18-19 Budget will be presented at the June 18 Board Meeting.

6.2 Staff Discussion

Common trends for celebrations included: an overwhelming positive response to the weekly Thursday IEP Tips and IEP Spot Checks, gaining confidence in IEP development, value/appreciation of the JESSE office support and the Ross Greene training.

Trends for frustrations included large caseloads, lack of a continuum of services, student behaviors, lack of understanding by Building Administrators and trying to balance duties of teaching/paperwork/other responsibilities.

A lot of frustration was noted as the State makes changes without explanation, definitions are not understood (example: accountable school) and IIEP verbiage does not match local data or State reporting processes. It appears more training on IIEP (non-student progress related) will be a role for the JESSE office. The IDOE is moving IIEP away from the Learning Connection. Louise will be attending a meeting for Data Managers in July when Staff hear any new information.

Caseload size was another topic of discussion with Staff and the difficulty in planning for co-teaching, push in services, etc. and maintain a full continuum of services for all students.

6.3 Equipment Service Location

Speech Pathologists or Nurses are asked to bring all audiometers to the JESSE office for service on July 17-18, 2018. Billing will be done individually, but Corporations will not be billed for the company driving to each location.

PT's currently train staff on the usage of the Evacutrack if they have a student with special needs directly involved, however, this year it is asked that the local Nurse also participate in the training, in the event a general education student ends up needing assistance at any time. In addition, J.E.S.S.E staff will do a safety check as recommended by the company and will notify if any fail that check.

6.4 Developmental Delay Process

A team of school Psychologists and our Pre School Coordinator met to establish a JESSE practice recommendation for STAT teams in making Developmental Delay referrals within the schools. The decision was made to expand on the current pre-school process and adapt it to school age. Some Psychologists may need to order additional testing materials due to this change in the Law extending the age to 9 and because some of their tests are only normed to age 7. In addition, they are going to work as a team this summer to make supplies that are needed for the testing packets. The School Psychologists have been asked to be the leaders back in the local schools for this process. Elementary Administration is encouraged to put this on their agenda for the beginning of the school year for their K-2 Staff, in conjunction with the School Psychologist.

6.5 Legislative Changes

SB 217 Dyslexia - This is not a Special Education Law however, it will impact schools in the end. STAT teams need to be aware of this. The IDOE is currently writing procedures. As they understand it now, someone in each building is to screen all K-2 students, then follow up with additional tools and possibly then complete an evaluation. Be prepared to define the roles of Special Education Staff.

Statue was clear that emergency permits for SLP's would not be granted. Licensing and the OSE were not aware of this until early Spring and it moved quickly and was passed.

6.6 Future PD: July Summer Planning: Article 7, CPI, FBA, HEP - Understanding the Technical Side Co-Teaching, Differentiation

At this time, all J.E.S.S.E. trainings will be offered in July or August, depending when Schools open, availability of Staff and what training is needed.

The J.E.S.S.E. Office will open July 9th for the 2018-19 school year. Summer hours will be reduced to 4 days a week, due to staffing as well as the need to physically scan files eliminated. This will be a cost savings.


7.0 Other Business:


7.1 The next JESSE Board Meeting is June 18, 2018 at 11:00AM.

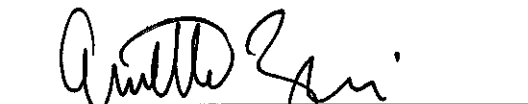
We will start with an Executive Session at 10:45 followed by a Board Meeting at 11:00. This will be followed by lunch and a Public Work Session.


8.0 Adjournment

Dr. Don Harman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Annette Zupin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:10AM.



Mr. Ned Speicher, Argos, VP


Mr. Richard Reese, John Glenn

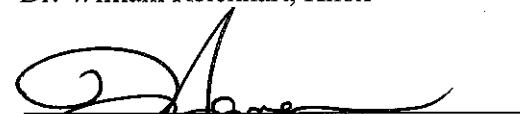

Dr. Annette Zupin, NJSP

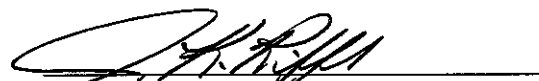

Mr. Andy Hartley, Plymouth


Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, Union North, President


Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver, Secretary


Dr. William Reichhart, Knox


Dr. Don Harman, Oregon Davis


Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Triton