

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 Plymouth Administration Building Virtual from Plymouth Administration Building Monday, January 11, 2020 10:00 AM EST Following NCAVC meeting

MINUTES

1.0 Organization of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order – Mr. Andy Hartley, President called the virtual ZOOM meeting to order at 11:07AM. Linda Holland and Karen Shuman were present at the Plymouth Administration Building. Those in attendance observed the COVID-19 Guidance.

Members present for the meeting were:

Mr. Ned Speicher, Argos
Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver, attended at the Plymouth Administration Building
Mr. Chris Winchell, John Glenn
Dr. William Reichhart, Knox
Dr. Annette Zupin, North Judson - San Pierre
Mr. Bill Bennett, Oregon-Davis
Mr. Andy Hartley, Plymouth
Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Triton
Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, Union North
Mrs. Linda Holland, J.E.S.S.E. Director
Mrs. Joyce Hanselman, J.E.S.S.E. Administrative Assistant

1.2 Recognition of Visitors - No visitors were in attendance

1.3 Agenda of the January 11, 2021 Regular Session Meeting

Linda Holland asked to add the following to the agenda:

2.3 Add Marianne DeWitt as a new hire
Add the Cash flow for December, 2020 to the financials.

2.0 Consent Items – Any member of the Board of Managers may request that any item be removed from the Consent Calendar and voted upon separately.

2.1 Approve Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Session Meeting.

2.3 New Hire: Marianne DeWitt

Linda Holland submitted a recommendation to hire Marianne DeWitt for the remainder of this semester. Marianne will replace a DHH resignation from August that has not been filled. The position is in the 2020-2021 budget. Marianne has been working as a substitute at Culver and has a bachelor's degree in speech/language. Adding to the caseload is also a new DHH move-in. She will be working up to 29 hours a week at \$15.00 per hour as per Linda's recommendation with no benefits.

2.4 Resignations: None at this time

2.5 Approval of Claims: Vendor and Payroll Claims for December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$137,151.88

Karen Shuman made a motion for the Board to approve the **Consent, Personnel and Claim Items** as presented. Mitch Mawhorter seconded the motion. There being no discussion, Andy Hartley called for the vote which was carried.

3.0 Information Agenda

3.1 Early Childhood Move Toward Inclusive Practices

Linda Holland introduced Amy Ferguson, Early childhood Facilitator. The state is urging schools to move toward inclusive practices for preschool. Amy presented a synopsis of ideas for changes using the state guidelines. Linda and Amy had met with some schools in January 2020. However, discussion was disrupted due to COVID. They have met with Union North and North to discuss inclusive practices. Meetings will be scheduled with all schools to discuss changes in procedures. Amy presented guidelines and informational materials regarding inclusionary preschools.

3.2 Friday Q/A

Linda stated that COVID --19 has had a large impact on the Deaf Hard of Hearing students. They need to be able to interpret visually. The interpreters have been given old macbooks from JESSE. These are 9 years old and some are broken. Linda asked if any corporations would be able to provide laptops for the interpreters as needed. Union North has offered 2 laptops for use during the school year. Triton has Chromebooks that could be loaned also if they can use the Google platform. Linda thanked all corporations that have graciously provided devices to the JESSE therapists.

3.3 Joint Service and Supply Fund Agreement

Linda Holland stated that in the current agreement there were 3 areas of the Joint Service and Supply Fund agreement that were sent for legal review. Legal review of the term "severe" on page 5, 3a is fine in a fund agreement, however, schools must follow Article 7 and LRE guidance when placing a student in another location. Legal review of page 7, 3, to not include the clause, "unless superintendents agree to other arrangements" that would take away from the schools following established procedure. Legal review of page 7, 4 is to change to read, service districts submit their proposed plans a year in advance so the board can discuss and determine if changes need to be made to the Fund Agreement. Discussion ensued on the time frame in this sentence. After discussion, it was agreed to change the clause to: Service District will submit their proposed agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) to the JESSE Cooperative no later than May 1 of the preceding school year. Suggestions from the legal department were given to Linda to think about how to become a better leader, improve facilitating discussion within small groups, and to move the cooperative forward in a positive way.

3.4 December 1 Count

The electronic Board Packet included the individual corporation numbers for the December 1 count. Overall, the corporation increased by 32 students. Child find this year has been slow at the preschool level as parents are not making referrals. Thoughts are this is due to COVID. The expectation is that this will increase next year. Regarding school age students, the referral process the 3rd nine weeks was low as schools did not refer students so those students that we are identifying now, might have been identified earlier.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 Joint Service and Supply Fund Agreement

Linda requested a motion be made to approve this version of the Joint Service and Supply Fund Agreement with the changes made in 3.3. Once approved today, then it will move on to local boards for approval. The local school boards will need to approve the agreement. A signature copy will be sent by Friday. This copy will need to be approved, signed and returned to the JESSE office.

Bill Reichhart made a motion to approve the Joint Service and Supply Fund as presented above. Karen Shuman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 The next JESSE Board Meeting date is February 8, 2021 at Argos Administration Office or if we need to go Virtual, it will be held at Plymouth Administration Office, both starting at 10:00 AM EST.


5.2 Individual Superintendent Issues, Reports, Compliments and Concerns

Karen Shuman complimented Linda Holland for all her direction and assistance with a situation at Culver.


6.0 Adjournment

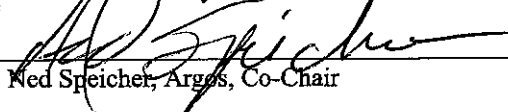
Jeremy Riffle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mitch Mawhorter. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:48AM.

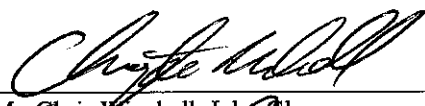

Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver, Secretary


Dr. William Reichhart, Knox


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Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Triton


Mr. Ned Speicher, Argos, Co-Chair


Mr. Chris Winchell, John Glenn


Dr. Annette Zupin, NJSP

Andy Hartley was in attendance for this meeting. Due to COVID-19, meeting was virtual.
Andy left his position on 6/30/21 and was unable to sign at the first in person meeting on 9/13/21
Mr. Andy Hartley, Plymouth, President


Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, Union North