

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, June 7, 2021 10:00 AM EST JESSE first followed by 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 10:01AM. Linda Holland, Andy Hartley and Joyce Hanselman 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
Mr. Chris Winchell, John Glenn
Dr. William Reichhart, Knox
Dr. Annette Zupin, North Judson - San Pierre
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

Mr. Bill Bennett, Oregon-Davis was absent.

1.2 Recognition of Visitors - Visitors Albert Hanselman and Sandy Thomas, NCAVC, were present in the Plymouth Administration Board Room.

Any visitor may request to speak, via email to lholland@jesse.k12.in.us to any agenda item on the posted agenda. The Board President will recognize visitors with special comments/concerns at the appropriate time. Social Distancing Laws must be observed.

1.3 Agenda of the June 7, 2021 Regular Session Meeting.

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 May 10, 2021 Regular Session Meeting.

2.3 New Hire: Patty Herrell, Language Facilitator,
This position as Language Facilitator is 25 hours a week with pay starting at \$15 and no benefits.

2.4 Resignations/Retirement: None at this time

2.5 Approval of Claims: Vendor and Payroll Claims for May 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021 in the amount of \$139,593.39.

Andy Hartley called for a motion to approve the agenda and Consent Items. Karen Shuman made a motion to approve the items. Jeremy Riffle seconded. The motion carried.

3.0 Information Agenda

3.1 Friday Q/A Notes

- Goal Book

8 corporations are interested in moving forward and order forms have been sent to them directly at the cost of \$499 per person. Goalbook will give the co-op pricing to ALL schools with individual contracts. The only shared costs are 13 direct JESSE employees.

3.2 Other

Possible Virtual Training Dates for the state changes: August 2 and August 10 from 1-3 for and IEP changes. Dates will be finalized in July.

Goalbook will be a half day training if in person (group size around 50), or 90 minutes if virtual. Linda is considering the offering both as some learn better hands on. She will work with the individual school corporations that decide to move forward to see what/when they prefer this to happen.

Jeremy Riffle asked the status of the preliminary review for Indicator 13. Linda and Lisa Rizek will be reviewing this in August.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 Approval of the Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

- [Link to 2021-2022 Budget Here](#)
- Increase due to DHH staffing needs though contracted service and increased student needs

Linda asked for the board to consider approval of the proposed budget as listed here today with a \$400,000 credit from our cash balance to be given to the individual schools according to our JESSE approved funding formula. Andy called for a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Mitch Mawhorter made a motion to approve the budget as presented with a 400,00 credit. Bill Reichhart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4.2 Approval of Outside Contracts

- Soliant Health

Linda had hoped to hire a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing directly, but they are just not out there. The hire with Soliant Health will serve the DHH students across that cooperative at the Jr/Sr High Level, probably grades 6-12. JESSE will continue to have this position posted and actively pursue people with the accurate license. As a one year solution, she asked that the board approve a contract with Soliant Health for 30 hours a week at the total price of \$75,600. (\$70 an hour). If a prospect is found locally, the contract can be cancelled with a 30 day notice. Bill Reichhart made the motion to approve the hire through Soliant Health. Ned Speicher seconded. The motion carried.

- Community Services for All Deaf Contract

Linda has been unable to hire another interpreter directly. However, there are no applicants. We have used CSAD in the past with 2 interpreters sharing one position and we would like to continue the same for next year at the educational rate of \$50 plus mileage. Linda asked for the board to consider approval of this outside contract for the 2021-2022 school year. If the position can be filled locally, the contract can be cancelled with a 30 day notice. A motion made by Karen Shuman to approve the contract. It was seconded by Annette Zupin. The Motion carried.

- Sign It Contract

Nicole Burns, working under "Sign-It" has been a private contractor for several years without raising her rate of \$30. This year, she is asking for an increase to \$45. She is Highly Effective on her Evaluations and is finishing up additional licensing. Linda asked for the board to approve of this outside contract for the 2021-2022 school year. A motion by Mitch Mawhorter and seconded by Bill Reichhart. The motion carried.

4.3 Directors Contract

Andy Hartley has met with Linda regarding her evaluation and contract renewal. Andy made a motion to extend Linda Holland's contract for another year keeping her on a two year contract, with compensation to be determined later. The motion was seconded by Mitch Mawhorter. Chris Winchell complimented Linda on her leadership and working well with the school corporations. The motion carried.

4.4 Election of Officers for the 2021-2022 School Year

Andy stated the LEA being President has been beneficial. Karen Shuman made a motion to approve Ned Speicher as acting Interim president until Plymouth announces a replacement for Andy. The motion was seconded by Mitch Mawhorter. The motion carried. Ned has accepted the position to be the interim president, until Plymouth appoints a replacement for Andy. Bill Reichhart made a nomination for Mitch

Mawhorter to be Vice President to replace Ned Speicher. Jeremy Riffle seconded that motion. The motion carried. Karen Shuman agreed to remain as Treasurer.

New Officers are:

President: Ned Speicher as the interim until Plymouth announces a replacement for Andy Hartley

Vice President: Mitch Mawhorter

Treasurer: Karen Shuman

5.0 Other Business

5.1 The next JESSE Board Meeting date is July 12 , 2021 at Oregon Davis Schools, or if needed, virtually at Plymouth Administration Office, both starting at 10:00 AM EST. More information will be coming on this meeting.

5.2 Individual Superintendent Issues, Reports, Compliments and Concerns

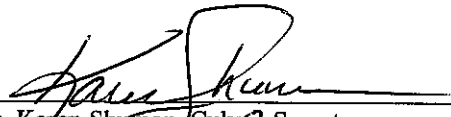
Bill Reichhart thanked Andy Hartley for his leadership as president this past year. He stated that having the LEA superintendent serve as the President of the cooperative was a very good decision.


Linda recognized Sophia Smith, from Plymouth High School, as the Tom Dulle Scholarship Winner. We wish her the best as she moves forward with her personal goals in life.

In addition, Karen Klingerman has been her Teacher of Record for the past 13 years. We wish Karen a happy retirement!

6.0 Adjournment

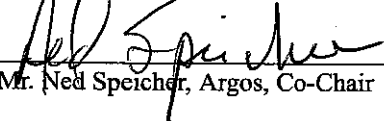
Andy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Shuman made the motion and Andy Harley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.

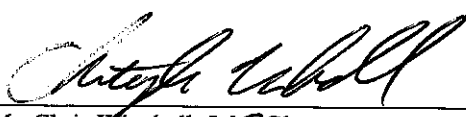

Mrs. Karen Shuman Culye, Secretary



Dr. William Reichhart, Knox


Mr. Bill Bennett, Oregon Davis


Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Taton


Mr. Ned Speicher, Argos, Co-Chair


Mr. Chris Winshell, 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