

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

Lincoln Education Center

In Person

Monday, February 14, 2022

10:00 AM EST NCAVC first followed by

JESSE meeting

MINUTES

1.0 Organization of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order – Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, President called the in person meeting to order at 10:51AM. Those in attendance observed the COVID-19 Guidance.

Members present for the meeting were:

Mr. Ned Speicher, Argos
Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver
Dr. William Reichhart, Knox
Dr. Annette Zupin, North Judson - San Pierre
Mr. Bill Bennett, Oregon-Davis
Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, Plymouth
Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Triton
Mrs. Linda Holland, J.E.S.S.E. Director
Mrs. Joyce Hanselman, J.E.S.S.E. Administrative Assistant

Absent from the meeting were: Mr. Chris Winchell, John Glenn
Dr. Angela Piazza, Union North

1.2 Recognition of Visitors -Mitch Mawhorter recognized the visitors to the meeting: Erin Proskey, Culver and Albert Hanselman, NCAVC.

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. No one requested to speak.

1.3 Agenda of the February 14, 2022 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 December 13, 2021 Regular Session Meeting.

2.3 New Hire: none at this time

2.4 Resignations: Rose Goncher will be retiring, PTA effective June 3, 2022..

Rose currently works 4 days a week. Due to requests for reduced hours from other PTA, this will be advertised as a 5 day a week position.

Request for Reduced Hours: Kelsey Beatty has asked to reduce to 4 days a week. She will still meet the requirements for benefits.

After discussion, A motion was made by to remove the request of Kelsey Beatty by Jeremy Riffle and seconded by Annette Zupin. The motion passed. A second motion was made by Bill Reichhart and seconded by Annette Zupin to accept 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4 and allow Linda to advertise for a full time PTA position of over 30 hours. This motion also passed. This position will be posted with the pay range in the conditions of employment.

2.5 Approval of Claims: Vendor and Payroll Claims for December 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$152,058.03 and January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2022 in the amount of \$158,765.56.

A motion was made by Ned Speicher to approve 2.5, the approval of claims and seconded by Karen Shuman. The motion passed.

3.0 Information Agenda

3.1 Friday Q/A Notes

I- SEAL Project

Linda stated that the recruitment and retention of staff in the area of special education has been very difficult, please encourage current staff to apply to participate in the I-SEAL Project that the Department of Education is moving forward with. They will receive FREE coursework over 3 years to earn certification in the area of special education. Superintendents must sign on their behalf to employ and provide a mentor. Please encourage any qualified staff members to apply. This would be a benefit to each school.

3.2 DHH Cooperative Funding

Linda met with 3 members of the Culver Board of Trustees on Monday, February 7 to be present when Karen updated her board on her ongoing conversation with the JESSE board. She shared it takes $\frac{2}{3}$ of the board to approve any changes to this agreement and move forward to the local school boards for approval and is not sure she has that support but at the same time would like to see language entered to provide additional funding for the host school. In addition, I shared that there is an established process for a resolution team should a school corporation and the JESSE board have a disagreement. Culver's lawyer, Mr. Houin stated that our agreement is vague, however, this is often done to leave local groups the flexibility at the local level. I suggested, if there are specific items that Culver would like addressed by the JESSE board I have asked them to provide them to me in writing so I can include it in this board packet, including if they would like to

move forward with the resolution process. At this time, none has been received. Karen Shuman stated a desire to go to a resolution to address the language in the agreement. Karen states that there is a need to update the agreement, certain items should be addressed. Discussion ensued. No conclusion was reached.

3.3 Dec. 1, 2021 Count

Linda provided a copy of the individual schools Dec. 1 count and funding reports were provided to the corporations. Dec. 1, 2021 JESSE Cooperative serviced 2,490 students. Cooperatively there is an increase of 82 from 2020. The largest increase overall is in Speech/Language, Developmental Delay, Autism and Other Health Impaired.

4.0 Action Items: None at this time. However, a discussion ensued regarding the moving of the DHH program and the need for a more cooperative spirit.

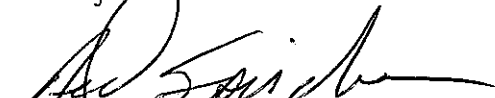
5.0 Other Business

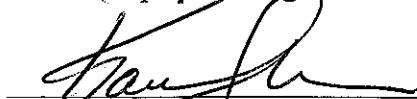
5.1 The next JESSE Board Meeting date is March, 14, 2022 at Lincoln Education Center starting at 10:00 AM EST with NCAVC going first.


5.2 Individual Superintendent Issues, Reports, Compliments and Concerns: An open discussion was held between the Superintendents regarding working as a cooperative, the advantages and changes that need to be made moving forward.

6.0 Adjournment

Annette Zupin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Bennett seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07AM.

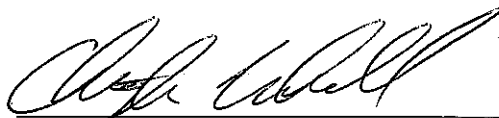

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Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver, Vice President


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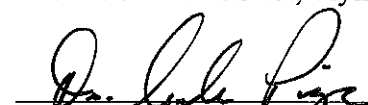
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