

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, October 25, 2021

10:00 AM EST JESSE first followed by

NCAVC meeting

MINUTES

1.0 Organization of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order – Mr. Ned Speicher, Interim President called the in person meeting to order at 10:00AM. Those in attendance observed the COVID-19 Guidance.

Members present for the meeting were:

Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culve

Dr. William Reichhart, Knox

Mr. Bill Bennett, Oregon-Davis

Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, Plymouth

Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Triton

Dr. Diane Woodworth, Interim Superintendent, Union North

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. Ned Speicher, Argos and Dr. Annette Zupin, North Judson - San Pierre. Mr. Chris Winchell, John Glenn attended via phone.

1.2 Recognition of Visitors - Albert Hanselman and Sandy Thomas were present in the JESSE/NCAVC board room at Lincoln Education Center.

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 October 25, 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 June 7, 2021 Regular Session Meeting.

2.3 New/Returning Hire:

2.4 Resignations/Retirement:

2.5 Approval of Claims: Vendor and Payroll Claims for September 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$156,492.97.

Mitch Mawhorter asked for a motion to approve the 2.0 Consent Items as stated. Bill Reichhart made the motion and Karen Shuman seconded. The motion carried.

3.0 Information Agenda

3.1 Friday Q/A Notes

- Digital Rights Manager

Please consider increasing the number of Digital Rights Managers for your corporations to 3-5 due to regulation changes. This will allow ALL students with print disabilities to gain access to supports locally. At this time, I believe many of you only have 1 who is Lisa Rizek, the Teacher of Record for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

- American Rescue Plan Grant Funds

Linda has communicated with the school corporations about a possible request to ask you to consider donating the percentage of your funds that you pay into the JESSE budget from your overall amount.

[Click Here to see amounts and JESSE request.](#) If supported, JESSE can not request the funds directly. Linda will work with your designated staff member to place orders for the needed items. [Click Here for the breakdown of JESSE request per department.](#) Linda asked that during the action items you vote to support each school corporation pledging the corporations' percentage of ARP for JESSE use.

3.2 Impact of DOE Data Exchange on Special Education Reporting

Louise Buza presented the impact on the recent DOE reporting and the Local School Special Ed. reporting coming directly from your Student Information System. State Reporting will now be extracted directly from the Student Information System. JESSE can provide reports to data systems coordinators for comparisons. JESSE will assist the school corporations in this transition. Bill Reichart thanked Louise for all the help she has given.

3.3 Go Solutions Contract

The year end reports and the new 2022 contracts have been emailed to the corporation Treasurers. The contract this year does not require a board signature. Please scan and email the signed contracts to Joyce Hanselman.

3.4 Increased Staffing Needs

Linda stated 2 additional students have or will be placed at Culver to receive DHH services and the IEPs require a Language Facilitator. At this time, the staffing budget does not support the need. .5 staff members are needed ASAP with the possibility of 1 more by Nov. 1. The increase in positions would increase our budget by \$39,850. In review of the budget and cash balance with Kandi Tinkey from Plymouth, we believe there would not be an added increase to your monthly payments as our budget with the cash balance can sustain this increase. This would not increase the monthly budget payment amounts.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 American Rescue Plan Support

Linda has asked that JESSE Schools designate a percentage of the ARP Grant toward JESSE needs, based on the formula that matches the JESSE budget. After discussion, the board asked to table this, pending further discussion. A motion was made by Bill Reichhart to table the discussion and Karen Shuman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 The next JESSE Board Meeting date is December 13, 2021 at Lincoln Education Center starting at 10:00 AM EST starting with NCAVC going first.


5.2 Individual Superintendent Issues, Reports, Compliments and Concerns

Linda complemented the data staff in all the corporations. Louise Buza frequently works with these staff members and they have been of great help.

Karen Shuman inquired about the possibility of assistance from the other corporations regarding providing speech for the DHH students that come from other corporations. Options will be explored.

6.0 Adjournment

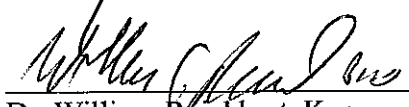
Mitch Mawhorter called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Reichhart made the motion to adjourn and Karen Shuman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51AM.



Mr. Ned Speicher, Argos



Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver, Vice President

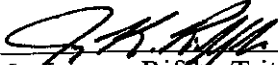


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Mr. Chris Winchell, John Glenn, Secretary

Dr. Annette Zupin, NJSP

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