

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, September 13, 2021
10:00 AM EST NCAVC first followed by
JESSE 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 10:09AM. 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. 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

1.2 Recognition of Visitors - No visitors 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 September 13, 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:

Karen Klingerman, DHH Consultant

Karen retired June 30, 2021, but due to an outside contracting company unable to fill the position as promised, Karen agreed to return as a retired teacher on Aug. 4, 2021 2.5 days a week. The Board was informed of this in the August 6, JESSE Notes and Linda consulted with Ned Speicher and Diane Woodruff and they supported this decision. Linda asked for the official approval of the board, retroactive to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

Patty Herrell, Language Facilitator

Patty was hired part time in June, however, with the increase in students and the resignation of Marianne Dewitt on July 27, 2021, Linda recommended that Patty be moved from part time to full time. This was also addressed in the August 6, 2021 JESSE Notes. Linda requested for the official approval of the board for the change in Patty's employment.

2.4 Resignations/Retirement: Marianne Dewitt, Language Facilitator

2.5 Approval of Claims: Vendor and Payroll Claims for June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$134,883.48, July 1 to July 31, 2021 in the amount of \$52,151.27, and for August 1 to August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$105,105.23.

Ned Speicher asked for a motion to approve the 2.0 Consent Items as stated. Bill Reichhart made the motion and Annette Zupin seconded. The motion carried.

3.0 Information Agenda

3.1 Friday Q/A Notes

- Goalbook Virtual Training will be on September 15, 2021. The AM session will be for Elementary teachers and the PM session will be for the Jr/Sr High school teachers. The JESSE Administrative Council is working to see who will need subs. Linda will be reaching out to the schools that have not paid their contract with Goalbook by September 17.
- American Rescue Grant Funds
The funds have not been released as of this time. Linda would like to have a conversation regarding a percentage of those funds designated for items that are

normally taken out of the JESSE budget. This would present the opportunity to upgrade technology to increase learning opportunities for BLV, DHH. Technology upgrades would also increase learning opportunities for OT/PT & SBT. These upgrades would require both hardware and software. Linda was asked to present a budget of these funds for the board. There will be 6-8 weeks to review and research these items before the funds are distributed.

- **New Teacher Training**

Linda asked if any of the corporations are interested in JESSE support in training new special education staff. Linda has been reaching out to all new special ed teachers in each corporation. She is here to assist with any new special education staff.

- **Local COVID Plans**

Linda asked to be notified if any school corporation is allowing PARENT CHOICE for Virtual that is not just for medical reasons. JESSE staff will follow Plymouth or Local School Masking Policy, whichever is more restrictive.

- **Conditions of Employment**

Linda presented the Classified Conditions of Employment for the 2021-2022 school year to be approved. The board was provided a copy with the changes highlighted. Click here for [Proposed Changes for Pay Range for Condition of Employment Handbook](#). No individual pay increase will be discussed at this time. The comparisons were from area schools and health organizations. Linda discussed the changes. It was noted that the amounts shown in the spreadsheet does not include taxes, etc. There was discussion about all aspects of the pay range proposal. Bill Reichhart raised the question of JESSE being included in the Plymouth classified. This will be explored.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 Approval of Conditions of Employment

Jeremy Riffle presented a motion to accept the Conditions of Employment for the 2021-2022 school year, leaving the pay range as stated in the previous year. The pay range will be addressed later. Bill Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Election of Officers for 2021-2022 School Year

The following were elected as officers based on past practice. Bill Reichhart made the motion to approve the following officers. Jeremy Riffle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mitch Mawhorter- President (LEA Superintendent)
Karen Shuman -Vice President (Alphabetical Order)
Chris Winchell -Secretary (Alphabetical Order)

5.0 Other Business

5.1 The next JESSE Board Meeting date is October 25 , 2021 at Lincoln Education Center starting at 10:00 AM EST starting with JESSE going first. A request for pay increase and stipend for years of service for all JESSE staff will be brought to this meeting in October for consideration and vote no later than the December 13. 2021 board meeting.

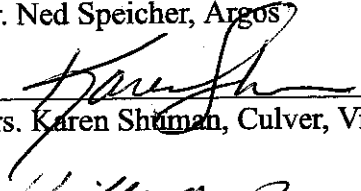
5.2 Individual Superintendent Issues, Reports, Compliments and Concerns

Linda thanked everyone for coming in person today. She will be in contact regarding service district meetings. Ned congratulated all the superintendents on getting through this challenging time. Linda thanked Ned for stepping in during the interim superintendent time.

6.0 Adjournment

Ned Speicher called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Winchell made the motion and Karen Shuman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.

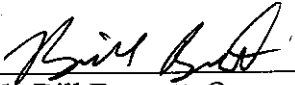
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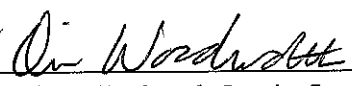
Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Tilton

Mr. Chris Winchell, John Glenn, Secretary

Dr. Annette Zupin, NJSP



Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, Plymouth, President



Dr. Diane Woodworth, Interim Superintendent, Union-North