

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

In Person

Monday, January 9, 2023

MINUTES

1.0 Organization of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order – Mr. Mitch Mawhorter, President called the in person meeting to order at 10:58AM.

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. Angela Piazza, 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 -Mitch Mawhorter recognized the visitors to the meeting: Lauren Phipps, Director of Special Education, Plymouth.

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 January 9, 2023 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 12, 2022 JESSE Board Meeting

2.3 Resignations:

2.4 Hire: Jennifer Fish - Part Time Language Facilitator @ Plymouth Early Childhood
3 Deaf Students joined Early Childhood at Plymouth over the past semester. We have attempted to meet their needs with 2 staff members, however the latest student needs a full time person as he is a runner and has had no introduction to early childhood education and kindergarten age next year.

Linda is recommending Jennifer Fish part time from 11:30-2 at the entry rate of \$15 an hour. She is a Culver HS Graduate, children attend Argos, and she has a Vocational Certificate in Early Childhood. She has the skills needed to be an asset to this classroom as well as can serve as a sub in the AM if one of the staff members are out ill. On a side note, she is Deaf also, but states no accommodations will be needed and Linda supports that.

2.5 Approval of Claims: Vendor and Payroll Claims for December 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$171,282.55.

A motion was made by Annette Zupin to approve the Consent Items. Chris Winchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Information Agenda

3.1 Friday Q/A Notes

Dec. 1 counts were passed out. Please compare with your local data team. If the numbers do not match your final submission, please reach out to Louise or Bridget so we can determine why. Overall, we have increased 122 students. Developmental Delay and Language/Speech Impaired are the 2 largest overall increases. Age 6 and 10 also show the largest increase in age.

Go Solution Reports for the last 6 months were handed out. If you have any questions, please contact Linda. Moving forward, monitoring of this will need to stay with the future director, or move to another local representative. This is something that the JESSE office also assists with in transferring kids from our local CLSI system to the Go Solution Company to be included in the "online database" that staff use. Another "future discussion" on how this will transition.

ESCRFT is the JESSE insurance carrier. The most recent bill is \$10,000 OVER what was budgeted. [Click Here to see premium history.](#) Linda suggests local schools consider the additional liability needs in the event of reorganization or dissolution. Linda recommended that moving forward, there are few providers of special education insurance in the state of Indiana and this will need to be looked into by the corporations.

3.2 Update on Reorganization Process

At the December meeting it was voted and approved to change the language in the Joint Service and Supply agreement to extend the date of "withdrawal notice" to May 1 as well as that if a corporation withdraws, the percentage of cash balance also goes with the corporation. This must be approved by each local board in January or February with a 60 day hold until it goes into effect. The Individual Letters

for your Local Board Approval and Signatures were forwarded to the corporations on Tuesday, Jan. 3 by Linda Holland. This needs a 2/3 of the corporation's support to move forward.

In addition, the officers asked Linda to follow up with Susan Traynor Chastain to ask if she would attend the Feb. 13 meeting, as well as provide the list of consultants she stated she could provide and clarification on her statement regarding continuum of service. Linda contacted Susan and she has not received a response from her.

3.3 Severance Package Information

Linda met with Mitch Mawhorter and Chris Winchell on 12-20-22 to request the board consider a severance package for her retirement. Mitch and Chris asked me to add this to the agenda for discussion only.

Please note, Linda has served JESSE for 35 years and has 200 plus accumulated sick days. Past Practice has not been established as in 2011 and 2008 when the past 2 directors retired, buyouts were offered to ALL staff, including administrators.

Discussion ensued regarding past JESSE practice. As Plymouth is the JESSE LEA, it was recommended that the Plymouth contracts be looked at. Chris Winchell stated that a severance package for Linda Holland should be looked at. Ned Speicher voiced that he was in agreement with Chris Winchell. Mitch Mawhorter will work with Val Moore, the Plymouth Treasurer, to prepare a proposal as per Plymouth's contract wording. An insurance and VEBA component were also discussed.

Ned Speicher made a motion that a severance package as outlined by JESSE LEA, Plymouth, be approved for Linda Holland. This will be distributed per Linda's discretion. Bill Reichhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Action Items:

4.1 None

5.0 Other Business

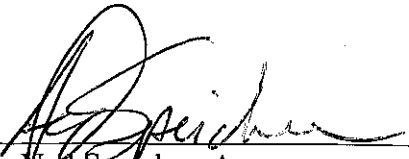
5.1 The next JESSE Board Meeting date is scheduled for February 13, 2023 at Knox starting at 9:00AM EST with JESSE going first.

5.2 Individual Superintendent Issues, Reports, Compliments and Concerns

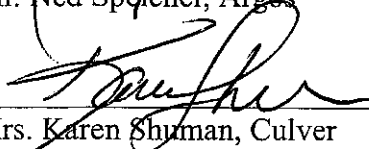
Linda Holland expressed her thanks for considering a severance package for her. It is her intent to continue to work toward the benefit of the JESSE cooperative and the kids until her last day of June 12, 2023.

6.0 Adjournment

Karen Shuman made a motion to adjourn. Chris Winchell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39AM.



Mr. Ned Spelcher, Argos



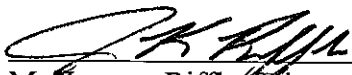
Mrs. Karen Shuman, Culver



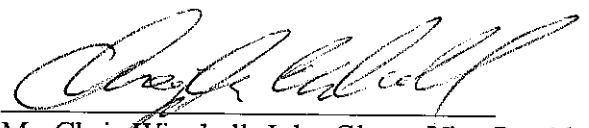
Dr. William Reichhart, Knox, Secretary



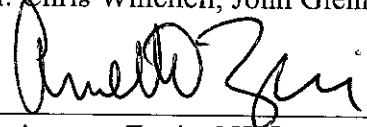
Mr. Bill Bennett, Oregon Davis



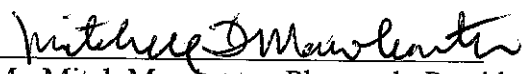
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