



**Juvenile Services Education Program Board Meeting - Virtual**

February 2, 2022

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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**MINUTES**

**Members and Guests in Attendance:**

Sec. Sam Abed - DJS	Mrs. Grace Reusing
Sup. Mohammed Choudhury	Mrs. Sharon Merriweather
Dr. Peter Leone	Dr. Bernard Sadusky
Dr. Catherine Gammage	Mr. Richard Stevenson
Dr. James Fielder	
Mrs. Kimberly Pogue	Mr. Nick Moroney, JJMU

Absent: Dr. Tracey Durant, Dr. Monica Goldson

- I. Welcome and Introductions                      Chairwoman Grace Reusing
  - II. Minutes from January board meeting approved by acclamation, motion by Mrs. Merriweather, Seconded by Dr. Leone
  - III. Public Comment Period - None
  - IV. Executive Director Report & Updates              Cory Fink
- Summarized activities that had taken place since the last board meeting,
    - Schools update – the remaining schools went virtual within DJS facilities on Monday, January 24, 2022. We continue to monitor COVID cases amongst staff and students and will continue to assess in hopes of getting back to in-person instruction soon. We have

worked with our operations team and will provide masks as well as face shields to all staff upon their return. In addition, prior to the return, all staff will be tested the week prior.

- We continue to meet with representatives from MSDE weekly, topics include the recruitment and filling of several JSE coordinator positions, DJS will assist in promoting these job opportunities. DJS and MSDE have been working to identify those contracts that could be assumed by DJS through a contract modification process.
- Recruitment will begin soon for several positions to support Superintendent Pogue, including a Management Associate and 2 Field Director positions.
- The DJS Public Information Office is developing flyers to aid in the recruitment of JSEP staff positions
- DJS IT will be contracting to do a comprehensive assessment of the current smart boards used in the classroom to determine the current functioning of each unit.
- A survey was sent to all 24 Superintendents across the state to gauge the current process and challenges relating to transfer of school records, communication of students returning, and re-entry practices. This information will be used as the Re-Entry/Transition subcommittee continues their work and we work towards the requirements in SB497. To date 13 of the 24 jurisdictions has responded.
- The Public Schools Superintendent's Association is looking to include us on their March meeting agenda

Questions:

Chair Reusing Questioned the Superintendent Assn. meeting in March whether they were on agenda

***Waiting to hear from PSSAM regarding their meeting and if we will have the opportunity to present.***

What do we look like to get kids back to school? Metrics we look at in determining re-entry to school

***COVID case rates, guidance from MDH, CDC, mitigation strategies***

Dr. Leone questioned white boards and how we are getting the info if they are valued and is their money for new boards.

***Contract with outside vendor and no monies***

## V. Superintendent's Report

- Met with the JSEP legislative committee and they decided to support HB 139
- Testified at a hearing to support HB 139
- Summer School planning with Mr. Stevenson, gathering data ref electives from school counselors to ensure graduation and certificates they can also earn.
- Sent out the FY 2023 calendar (two options) so staff could provide their preference and give feedback.
- Working on filling positions
- Draft several policies

- Research additional options for certificates we can offer youth in the future

## VI. Unfinished Business - None

## VII. Subcommittee Reports

1. Legislative Committee Report out- Dr. Sadusky
  - Standing meeting every Tuesday at 12:00
  - Reviewed about a dozen bills most had nothing to do with us up to K-12 to support or not support example curriculum specific
  - Monitoring rest of bills and google drive is updated with bills that the subcommittee is reviewing and their position. Most bills will have had a hearing by the time this board meets.

Cory reminded everyone that Mrs. Meriweather presented a motion to the board and it passed that the Legislative subcommittee take positions on behalf of the board.

2. Summer School – Mr. Richard Stevenson
  - Gathering data for current student needs to move forward
  - Had 2 meetings with the next meeting February 10th
  - Focusing on student needs, earning credits, credit recovery, service learning hours and certification programs they can complete within the facilities
  - Identifying codes for classes in content areas
  - Consideration of a flex period at the end of each day
  - Speakers from community to come in
3. Standards Committee – Dr. Peter Leone
  - Attainment policy
  - Grading policy
  - Discussed reviewing of policies process
  - Policy routing

No requirement for public comment on bill per Shelly Mintz, AG Office

4. Transition/Re-Entry – Mrs. Reusing
  - General principal needs to assist students with transition issues as they enter JSEP schools and also reentry into community
  - State Superintendents meeting on March agenda
  - Senate Bill 497 requires that LEA provide extra work materials for first 90 days
  - Dr. Leone wants to know expectations of dual enrolled
  - As a board should they consider a MOU or policy
  - Finalize and draft transition policy and strengthen reentry

### New Business

- A. Grading Policy
  - B. Credit Attainment Policy
- Both were explained by Superintendent Pogue

Selected mastery as a way to earn credits - discussion and not moved to consider at the present time.

**V. Comments and Announcements - None**

**VI. Adjournment – 9:55 am** motion to adjourn by Secretary Abed, seconded by Dr. Fielder

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