



## Juvenile Services Education Program (JSEP)

JSEP Monthly Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 1, 2023

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The meeting was streamed live and recorded for the public on YouTube.

### MINUTES

Secretary Schiraldi (30 minutes late)  
Mr. Leonard Webb  
Ms. Sharon Merriweather  
Superintendent  
Kimberly Pogue  
Mr. David  
Domenici

### Members and Guests in Attendance

Chair Grace Reusing  
Dr. Sanjay Rai  
Dr. Tracy Durant  
Mr. Peter Leone  
Dr. Andae Townsel  
Dr. Sylvia Lawson (MSDE)

- I. Welcome and Roll Call – *Chair Grace Reusing*
  - Chair Reusing noted there was a quorum
  - Welcome to Dr. Andrae Townsel, Calvert County Public Schools Superintendent, replacing Dr. Monica Goldson
  - Welcome Dr. Lawson representing Dr. Wright from MSDE
  - Announcement: The board will go into closed session during the meeting to discuss the budget and then will reopen the meeting.
- II. Approval of Minutes-
  - Approval of October minutes- moved- Dr. Townsel, second-Dr. Durant, Approved
  - Approval of June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes- moved- Mr. Stevenson, second- Dr. Leone, Approved
- III. Public Comment: *No Public comment*
- IV. Superintendent Report - Superintendent Pogue
  - Full report attached.
  - Chair Reusing asked if there was an update on JSEP being included in the funding for the Blueprint- JSEP has not heard anything from them, but Ms. Pogue will follow up

V. Board Comments

- Mr. Maroney asked if there was follow up on the 10 and 12 month contracts for JSEP staff and teachers. David Domenici reported that there had been a meeting with the School for the Deaf where they received good information with questions remaining surrounding salary and if legislation could be enacted that would work for JSEP. They are hoping to have a meeting with the MSDE attorney for more information.
- Ms. Reusing understood there is a mechanism (at the School for the Deaf) to get starting salaries on par with LEAs but not a way for them to remain on par, something the board will need to figure out.
- Mr. Maroney asked if there was a way for teachers who have been in the juvenile system for a period of time to match the salaries of the new teachers coming in. Ms. Reusing could not answer that questions.
- Mr. Leone asked Mr. Domenici what role the board should play in establishing equity. Mr. Domenici said we do not have enough information yet. Mr. Leone asked that Mr. Domenici relay the message to Mr. Schiraldi that this is a board priority.
- Ms. Reusing will ask Mr. Stevenson to poll the teachers on what their priorities are.

At approximately 9:28 a.m., Chair Reusing asked if there was a motion to close the current session to discuss the JSEP budget and explained that the Board would return to an open session when that discussion ends. Chair Reusing cited General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(13) as the basis for closing the session. This provision permits a closed session to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter. Chair Reusing completed a written closing statement that is attached hereto. Dr. Leone moved to close the meeting and Dr. Durant seconded the motion. Chair Reusing took the board members' votes on the motion. Mr. Webb, Dr. Townsel, Dr. Lawson (for Board member Dr. Carey Wright), Dr. Leone, Dr. Rai, Dr. Durant, Ms. Merriweather, and Chair Reusing voted in favor of the motion. No Board member abstained, and no Board member was opposed. The Board has attached hereto a Closed Session Summary. The Board returned to an open session at approximately 10:30 a.m.

VI. New Business

- Ms. Reusing asked if we needed a School Improvement Committee. Mr. Schiraldi motioned to create a committee to assess the quality of the education the students are receiving and the school's/JSEP resources. This motion was seconded by Dr. Durant.
- Roll Call vote: Mr. Schiraldi- yes, Dr. Durant-Yes, Dr. Leone-yes, Ms. Merriweather-yes, Dr. Townsel-no, Dr. Lawson-yes, Mr. Webb-yes, Ms. Reusing-yes. Passed
- There were no volunteers to be on the committee and Dr. Leone asked if it would be substituting for the Standards Committee. He would be willing to serve on a joint committee. Dr. Durant suggested that a reminder be sent out explaining what the subcommittee work would entail and then discuss this at the December meeting.
- Ms. Reusing reminded everyone that the December meeting will be in person with a virtual option.

VII. Adjournment- Motion- Dr. Durant, Second- Dr. Townsel, passed

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