



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.

Members and Guests in Attendance

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

MINUTES

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

- I. Welcome and Roll Call – *Chair Grace Reusing*
 - Chair Reusing noted there was a quorum
 - Welcome to Dr. Andae Townsel, Calvert Count 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 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 7th 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.

Moved to Closed Session

Return to Open Session

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. Durante 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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