



Juvenile Services Education Program Board Meeting - Virtual

September 1, 2021

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojUs-lkAG0o>

MINUTES

Members and Guests in Attendance:

Sec. Sam Abed

Sec. James Fielder

Superintendent Mohammed Choudhury

Sharon Merriweather- Attorney General's Designee

Dr. Monica Goldson

Dr. Tracey L. Durrant

Dr. Peter Leone

Dr. Bernard Sadusky

Dr. Catherine Gammage

Mrs. Grace Reusing

Mr. Richard Stevenson

Mr. Nick Moroney, JJMU

Mrs. Margi Joshi, JJMU

I. Welcome and Introductions Chairwoman Grace Reusing

II. Minutes from August meeting

- Motion made by Dr. Tracey L. Durant , seconded by Dr. Monica Goldson, Minutes approved by acclamation.

III. Public Comment Period

- None

IV. Executive Director Reports

Cory Fink

- Mr. Fink summarized the activities that had taken place since the last board meeting, the report is attached to the minutes / meeting materials.

V. Old Business

- Review of the Superintendent's Job Posting

Comments from board members and attendees included:

- Educator members stressed the importance of the candidates should be eligible for Superintendent designation in the State of Maryland
- Encouraged a press release to be done with the timeline of the hiring process, Secretary Sam Abed noted that the agency PIO will assist
- The job posting should also be made available to: Council for Juvenile Justice Administrators, LinkedIn®, State Superintendents Association
- Sub-committee to begin drafting interview questions that will need to be vetted through DJS HR and EEO offices

Motion to approve made by: Secretary Sam Abed, Seconded by: Secretary James Fielder

- Vote - All members Yes, 1 abstention (Merriweather)

VI. New Business

- GED testing- discussion included
 - The need to expand sites and certification to administer
 - Limit transport of youth, including shackling
 - Additional information needed regarding GED waiver and if youth have to be withdrawn from school to sit for test
 - Use of High Set versus GED
- SB 497 requires an MOU between JSEP & DJS
 - Subcommittee was formed: Reusing, Merriweather, Fink
- SB 497 requires development of educational standards and reporting mechanism
 - Subcommittee was formed: Leone, Sadusky, Gammage, Goldson, Reusing
 - DJS IT, Research, JJMU to participate
 - Data on interruptions to school day (location, duration)
 - Staffing shortages
 - MSDE
 - DJS
 - Credits versus partial credit
 - School discipline data
 - How do we define success
 - Community college linkages in residential and upon release
 - Short term certification programs

V. Comments and Announcements

- Grace Reusing – transition and re-entry broken down by County, perception is certain jurisdictions are pushing returning students into alternative schools
- Dr. Leone – future discussions including what DJS employees get in ELT or training regarding educational services? What is the message that DJS sends to its staff
- Field trips to DJS facilities to observe space and education program
- Next meeting October 6th – virtual

VI. Adjournment – motion to adjourn by Dr. Tracey L. Durant, seconded by Dr. Catherine Gammage

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