

**G.L.A.S.S.**



**Greater Lafayette Area Special Services**

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**GLASS Advisory Board Meeting  
April 17, 2018  
Minutes of Meeting**

Members Present:

Mr. Les Huddle, Superintendent, Lafayette School Corporation (LSC); Mrs. Rebecca Sprague, Lafayette School Corporation Board Member; Dr. Scott Hanback, Superintendent, Tippecanoe School Corporation (TSC); Mr. Jacob Burton, Tippecanoe School Corporation Board Member; Mrs. Shelby Johnson, Special Education District Coordinator, West Lafayette Community School Corporation (WLCSC); and Mrs. Karen Springer, West Lafayette Community School Corporation Board Member

Greater Lafayette Area Special Services (G.L.A.S.S.) Administrators Present: Toni Skaggs, Director, G.L.A.S.S.; Donna McIlrath, Assistant Director, G.L.A.S.S.; Tom Hermiz, Supervisor, G.L.A.S.S.; Denona Pryor, Supervisor, G.L.A.S.S.; Kelly Wilder, Supervisor, G.L.A.S.S.

1. Call to Order

The Greater Lafayette Area Special Services (G.L.A.S.S.) Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Mr. Les Huddle.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 18, 2017, G.L.A.S.S. Advisory Board meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Scott Hanback made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Karen Springer, to approve the minutes as presented.

There were no additions or corrections to these minutes.

3. Approval of G.L.A.S.S. Advisory Board Executive Session Minutes

The minutes of the November 15, 2017, January 23, 2018, and April 4, 2018, were presented for approval. Mrs. Karen Springer made the motion, seconded by Dr. Scott Hanback, to approve the minutes as presented.

There were no additions or corrections to these minutes.

4. Public Comments

Mr. Les Huddle reminded guests that Lafayette School Corporation Board Policy B-118 would be followed during the public participation portion of the meeting. Each individual would have 3 minutes to address the advisory board beginning by stating their name and address. Mr. Les Huddle reminded those present that any complaints regarding specific individuals should be made in writing and submitted to Mr. Les Huddle or Mrs. Toni Skaggs.

- Pat Howey, West Point: Commented that she was pleased with the increase in communication efforts at the schools during IEP meetings. Expressed concern with the lack of stakeholders on the Advisory Board; no parents and no educators. Requested that stakeholders from each corporation be included on the Advisory Board. Requested evening meetings. Requested the topics that were discussed at the executive sessions.

(Mr. Les Huddle reminded those present that the Advisory Board generally doesn't respond immediately. If a response is needed, questions need to be directed to Toni Skaggs to follow up with that individual person later.)

- Erin Moon-Walker, West Lafayette: Stated that she planned to provide items in writing for further review. Expressed concerns about special education programming, placement, special education case conference committee meetings and the lack of cooperation with school administration. Stated that she would follow-up with an email to Mr. Les Huddle.
- Kirsten Maloney, Lafayette: Commented that she is pleased with the school and the school's specialist. Shared that she was disappointed that the Advisory Board meeting continued to be held during the day. Expressed that she feels there is a need to increase parent involvement with the board and that conducting the meeting in the evening would assist with parent involvement.
- Victoria Woeste, West Lafayette: Commented that she had recently had a very productive IEP meeting and has no complaints about that process. Expressed concern that the board is continuing to refuse to change the meeting time to evening. Commented that the Advisory Board's job is to make sure our kids are dealt with the same as typical kids. Shared that she has attended strategic planning meetings and would like to see an organizational audit showing the roles of administration and the flow of communication.

#### 5. Improved Communication Initiative

Mrs. Toni Skaggs gave a summary of the three Communication Initiative meetings that have been conducted during the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Skaggs provided handouts that indicated the number of people in attendance, the activities that were completed, and the responses from the participants. Mrs. Skaggs announced that the next Communication Initiative meeting would be held on May 3, 2018, from 6:30-7:30 pm at Durgan. The topic for the May meeting will be "Resources in the Community and Financial Information". Mrs. Skaggs shared that the first meeting held September 27, 2017, focused on "Understanding the Structure of the special education cooperative, Greater Lafayette Area Special Services". The second meeting held on November 16, 2017, focused on the topic "Teamwork and Parent Involvement". The third meeting held on February 21, 2018, focused on "Student Programming". At each meeting, participants completed activities that provided valuable information to guide the future topics of the Communication Initiative meetings. In addition, at the end of each session, the attendees identified their likes, wishes, comments and questions.

#### 6. Joint Services Agreement

Mrs. Toni Skaggs informed the Board that the revised Joint Services Agreement was currently in draft form and would need to be reviewed by each corporation at their respective board meetings.

#### 7. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date, time and location will be determined.

#### 8. Additional Items

Mr. Jacob Burton asked why there was a drop in attendance from the first Communication Initiative compared to the next two meetings. Mrs. Skaggs answered that she is not entirely sure why there has been a drop in attendance. Administration accommodated the request to hold evening meetings and varied the days to potentially reach more people. In addition, based on feedback from the meetings, administration advertised more and used a variety of methods including social media.

Dr. Scott Hanback made a motion to adjourn the meeting and with a second from Mrs. Karen Springer, the meeting was adjourned.