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G.L.A.S.S. Governing Board Meeting November 12, 2018 Minutes of Meeting

Members Present:

Mr. Les Huddle, Superintendent, LSC; Mrs. Rebecca Sprague, LSC Board Member;
Dr. Scott Hanback, Superintendent, TSC; Mr. Jacob Burton, TSC Board Member;
Dr. Rocky Killion, Superintendent, WLCSC, Dr. Karen Springer, WLCSC Board Member;
G.L.A.S.S. Administrators Present: Mrs. Toni Skaggs, Director, G.L.A.S.S.; Mrs. Donna McIlrath, Assistant
Director, G.L.A.S.S.; Mr. Tom Hermiz, Supervisor, G.L.A.S.S.

Local District Special Education Directors / Coordinators Present:

Ms. Denona Pryor, LSC Local Special Education Director; Mrs. Kelly Wilder, TSC Local Special Education
Director; Mrs. Shelby Johnson, WLCSC District Special Education Coordinator

Legal Counsel Present:

Mrs. Susan Traynor-Chastain, Board Counsel; Ms. Emma Jay, Board Counsel

The G.L.A.S.S. Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Mr. Les Huddle.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 17, 2018, G.L.A.S.S. Advisory Board Meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Rocky Killion made the motion, seconded by Mr. Jacob Burton, to approve the minutes as presented. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Killion, Springer, Huddle, Sprague, Hanback, Burton.

Nays: None.

The motion carried.

2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

The minutes of the October 17, 2018, Executive Session were presented for approval. Dr. Scott Hanback made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rebecca Sprague, to approve the minutes as presented. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Killion, Springer, Huddle, Sprague, Hanback, Burton

Nays: None

The motion carried.

3. Public Comments

Mr. Les Huddle, meeting chairperson, reminded guests that LSC Board Policy B-118 would be followed during the public participation portion of the meeting. Each individual would have three minutes to address the governing board beginning by stating his/her name and address. There were no comments or questions from the public.

4. Joint Service and Supply Agreement (copies were provided)

Mrs. Toni Skaggs addressed the board and explained changes made on the G.L.A.S.S. Joint Service and Supply Agreement. The superintendents from the three school districts presented the changes to their perspective school boards prior to July 1, 2018. Mrs. Skaggs shared that the

G.L.A.S.S. Advisory Board is now G.L.A.S.S. Governing Board. The G.L.A.S.S. Governing Board will conduct four meetings a year. Upcoming Governing Board meetings are January 29, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Durgan, April 18, 2019 at 11:00 am at Durgan and May 29, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Durgan. Mrs. Skaggs further reported that the three districts have hired their own local special education director or district coordinator. Superintendents introduced their new local special education directors/coordinator. Dr. Rocky Killion commented that he appreciated the work that had been done on the Joint Service and Supply Agreement.

5. Administrative Roles

Due to the hiring of local special education administrators, Mrs. Toni Skaggs addressed the board regarding the supervision of G.L.A.S.S. funded certified and non-certified staff for the 2018-2019 school year. Handouts were provided to demonstrate departments and staff that the G.L.A.S.S. administrators and local special education administrators would supervise. The local special education directors/coordinators will continue to assist with supervision of the Essential Skills Programs and the Self-Contained Behavior Programs in the districts. The three districts will receive direct support from the local special education directors/coordinators and will continue to collaborate with G.L.A.S.S. administrators. As in the past, Mrs. Toni Skaggs will conduct bi-weekly meetings with all special education administrators in the three districts. In addition, Mrs. Toni Skaggs will continue to meet individually with G.L.A.S.S. administrators and will meet individually with local special education directors/coordinators bi-weekly.

6. Professional Development

Mrs. Shelby Johnson, WLCSC District Coordinator, addressed the board and presented on the efforts that have taken place to support parents in the district. Based on survey results, the top two topics will be addressed at upcoming parent trainings. The two topics will focus on Assistive Technology and Social Emotional Development. Administrators have also implemented bi-monthly “Coffee Talks” to assist with networking and communication with parents. WLCSC special education administrators are planning on monthly, district-wide special education meetings to discuss current topics, needs, and support in the district.

Mrs. Kelly Wilder, TSC Local Special Education Director, addressed the board and presented information about the October 23, 2018, training. This training was available to all general education teachers, special education teachers and paraprofessionals serving in TSC. The primary focus for the training was Universal Design for Learning with keynote speakers coming from the PATINS project. Additional training sessions included dealing with challenging behaviors in the general education classroom, executive functioning, the use of NWEA data to create meaningful lessons as well as co-teaching. All 19 TSC buildings were represented at the training. They are planning for an upcoming second meeting during the spring semester that will focus on Universal Design as well as other topics.

Ms. Denona Pryor, LSC Local Special Education Director, addressed the board and shared that she had recently met with Jefferson High School staff to share some basics about special education. Topics included progress monitoring, defining accommodations and tips & tricks on building note-taking skills. In addition, Ms. Denona Pryor shared that on October 9, 2018 Project Success hosted a regional training in Kokomo with our three districts represented. After this training, Mrs. Shelby Johnson, WLCSC District Special Education Coordinator, and Mrs. Tracy Holdman, WLCSC/GLASS Essential Skills Teacher presented and gave the special education

teachers the opportunity to practice with content connectors and prepare lesson plans. Another Project Success Training will be December 12, 2018 at Durgan. Certificate of Completion, Alternate Assessment and part two of Content Connectors will be the focus of this upcoming training.

Mr. Tom Hermiz, G.L.A.S.S. Supervisor, addressed the board by reviewing the professional development the preschool staff participated in over the summer. Sessions were held on a new evaluation tool and new curriculum. Paraprofessionals participate in monthly meetings and cover topics that include confidentiality, proper lifting and cultural sensitivity. Linnwood Developmental Preschool is a United Way Born Learning site with 6-week sessions held twice a year. The speech and language pathologists hold monthly meetings and staff from Purdue come frequently to present research they are conducting.

Mrs. Donna McIlrath, G.L.A.S.S. Assistant Director, addressed the board and shared that the cooperative Autism Team hosted a 2 day STAR Curriculum Training. There were 30 participants with 20 being from the three local districts. Follow up will include small group trainings and trainings with the next level of the LINKS curriculum. The Deaf/Hard of Hearing Department hosted a local roundtable and collaboration meeting for Northern Indiana Educators in collaboration with the Center of Deaf/Hard of Hearing. The Transition Department has scheduled parent/teacher trainings with community resources that have services for students when they exit high school. The initial training was on Mental Health and School Based Case Management with 16 guests attending. Future topics will include High School Diploma, Wabash Center, Bureau of Developmental Disability Services and Erskine Green Vocational Program.

Mrs. Toni Skaggs, G.L.A.S.S. Director, addressed the board and reported that the Psychologist Department has monthly meetings and invites guest speakers. During the 2018-2019 school year, guests from Sycamore Springs, Purdue University Disabilities Department, and Tippecanoe County Youth Services Director have attended. Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Training has been offered to school staff from the three districts. During the 2017-2018 school year, 128 participants were trained. We are proposing that each district support a TCI trainer or two in order to accommodate the increasing need for initial and refresher classes.

Mr. Huddle noted that there are several other trainings and professional development opportunities with a number of local special education staff members attending.

7. Improved Communication Initiative

Mrs. Toni Skaggs addressed the board and shared that the first 2018-2019 Communication Initiative would be held on November 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Durgan. The topic will be “Meet and Greet G.L.A.S.S. Administrators and the Local Special Education Directors”. Parents and community agency representatives will have the opportunity to ask questions and gather resources. Future meetings will be held at Durgan on January 17, 2019, February 19, 2019 and April 11, 2019. Dr. Rocky Killion offered an invitation to host future meetings at the new West Lafayette Intermediate School.

8. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the G.L.A.S.S. Governing Board will be Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Durgan.

9. Additional Items

No additional items.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to present, Dr. Rocky Killion called for a motion to adjourn and Dr. Scott Hanback seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.