

EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPEN ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

An Open Enrollment Committee meeting was held Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 4:15 pm in the District Office Board Room.

Present: Melissa Hammann, Ellyn Paul, Kathi Swanson, Jerry Roth, Jason Knott, Joanie Dobbs, Barb Dorn, Mark Schwartz, Aimee Swartwout, Jamie Merath

Ms. Paul agreed to take minutes.

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Ms. Paul, to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2019 meeting. Motion carried, 3-0 (voice).

Mr. Roth provided the 2019-2020 fee structure for JEDI virtual programming. The district pays an annual consortium fee of \$10,500, as well as a student fee of \$4,950 for each student enrolled in full-time virtual programming. With aid dollars remaining after the student fee is paid, the district offers a stipend of up to \$750 to families of full-time JEDI students to cover the cost of programming not available through JEDI. Examples of such programming could be karate, music lessons, or languages not offered through JEDI. To date, no family has taken advantage of the stipend offer.

Bridges Virtual Academy at Merrill offers a similar stipend program in the amount of \$2,000. A portion of that amount must be spent to purchase curriculum from Bridges, while all JEDI curriculum is covered through the student fee. Bridges further restricts what curriculum can be purchased with the stipend money.

Administrators at each educational level walked through the steps that are taken when a parent inquires about alternatives to traditional classroom learning for their students. Such inquiries have generally not been a topic of conversation at the K-2 level. At the 3-5 level, the availability of JEDI brought three previously home-schooled students onto the rolls. At middle school, inquiries come most often regarding students who have been home-schooled, attended private schools, or whose parents are concerned about a student's success in the traditional classroom. In all cases, the principal, counselor, and JEDI coordinator try to provide a clear picture of all available options. The high school also uses a team approach to determine the best option for each student, with a primary focus on making sure students meet the requirements for high school graduation no matter which option is chosen.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/26/2019  
Melissa Hammann, Chair