

ATTACHMENT NO. IX-B: Curriculum Coordinator

Potential motion: Move to approve 25 extra days for Cheryl Gieseke as a Part-Time Administrator and Curriculum Facilitator

Recommended action: Approve the motion.

**Updated Rationale:** Cheryl Gieseke has been working with our Math Curriculum Committee. I would like her to be able to keep our committee groups meeting through the end of the school year, as they are working to align our curriculums with the Common Core Standards, create Curriculum Maps and adopt Middle School Resources. Currently the middle school and elementary committees are piloting resources.

**Cheryl Gieseke Background**

Ms. Gieseke is a retired Assistant Superintendent from the Belvidere School District (2015). Ms. Gieseke worked specifically with Staff Development, Assessment and Technology. Ms. Gieseke was Interim Superintendent during Belvidere’s Superintendent search in the 2015-16 school year. Ms. Gieseke has also been a high school administrator and a high school math teacher. I had the opportunity to work with Ms. Gieseke at Belvidere and saw first-hand her quality of work with curricular and staff development, mentoring and the development of instructional coaches.

**Original Plan for the 2017-18 School Year**

Approving this recommendation will allow the district to move forward with curriculum development that is a priority in the Strategic Plan and the Board Goals. The curriculum development priorities next year are to:

1. Continue with group collaboration meetings to address curricular needs.
2. Continue with the creation of the K-12 Science Curriculum Maps.
3. Begin to align the Math curriculum with a similar structure for meetings that was used by the Science committee.
4. Review and address the classroom resources needed for Math in the 2018-19 school year.

Ms. Gieseke would work under the direction of Mrs. Lilja and support with the facilitation of the curriculum committee meetings and building supervision. Mrs. Lilja and Ms. Gieseke have worked together collaboratively in the past with curriculum and staff development and this structure would allow our district to continue with the development of our curricular needs while also providing the needed support at Manchester.

**Projected Cost for the District**

Number of Days = Approximately ~~50~~ 75 total days

Total Cost Budgeted = ~~\$20,000~~ \$27,000

(The money would come from Title 1. The District was given \$36,000 extra dollars for staff development.)