

Board of Education Special Education Committee

September 20, 2024 *Minutes* Time 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Lucasey, Ms. Bass, Ms. Kaplan, Ms. Grosso, Dr. Stinchcomb, and Mr. Slentz *The meeting convened at 10:00a.m.*

1. Framing the work

a. Review and approval of agenda *The committee approved the agenda.*

2. Updates and Recommendations

a. Student programming updates

Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso provided an overview of our current and pending out-of-district placements of our students and discussed some of the challenges with placing students in particular programs. They also discussed the status of our in-district programs including our middle school 15:1 program, the progress of our middle school 12:1 program, and the training taking place with our integrated co-teaching teams at Springhurst.

b. Budget forecasts for 2025-26

Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso discussed the possibility of creating a new special class for grades 3-5 (8:1:1) for the 2025-26 school year and noted that all of our special classes may run in certain years, but not in others based on student programming needs.

c. District Document status

- i. District Special Education Plan
- ii. Parents' Guide to Special Education Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso shared with the committee that the special education plan was 90% complete and that the Parent Handbook was complete and ready for Mr. Slentz's review.

3. Next Meeting Date

a. October 25, 2024

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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