



Board of Education Special Education Committee

January 17, 2025

Minutes

Time 10:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: J. Lucasey, B. Bass, S. Kaplan, S. Grosso, K. Slentz

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

1. Framing the Work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The committee approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. Student programming updates

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the status of and next steps for out-of-district placed students and at-risk in-district students.

- b. Department staffing and training updates

- i. IEP Writing
- ii. Integrated Co-Teaching
- iii. Bookworms implementation
- iv. New staff/mentor updates

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on ongoing trainings in each of these areas, for curriculum implementation, transition services, and data collection. The committee discussed additional trainings planned for the 2025-26 school year in the middle school for ICT classes.

- c. 2025-26 projected programming changes

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso discussed possible changes to programs in the 2025-26 school year, including special classes for each core academic area in the middle school. Certification issues will pose a challenge, and the administration will meet next week to discuss options.

- d. District plan status

- i. Final review of the district Special Education Plan

K. Slentz noted that he would recommend the adoption of the final draft of the Special Education Plan to the board at the January 21 meeting.

3. Next Meeting Date

Committee

- a. February 7, 2025

4. Adjourn

Committee

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.