



Board of Education Special Education Committee

Minutes

January 19, 2024

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

Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Lucasey, Ms. Stringer, Ms. Kaplan, Ms. Grosso, and Mr. Slentz

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

Committee members approved the agenda.

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. Out-of-district students

Special Education Administration updated the committee on an out-of-district student placement for the current year.

- b. Teaching Assistant Update

Special Education Administration updated the committee on the challenges of recruiting and maintaining teaching assistants within the program. The committee discussed the implications of using teaching assistants on least restrictive environment requirements for students.

- c. Behavior Specialist Position

Special Education Administration updated the committee on the progress of the part-time behavior specialist position that was created for the current year.

- d. Continuum of services planning

Special Education Administration updated the committee on the anticipated expansion of classes in Springhurst and the Middle school for students with disabilities for the 2024-25 school year.

- e. Review of key observations and recommendations in the 2016 study

The committee will discuss this at the February 16 meeting.

3. Next Meeting Date

Committee

- a. February 16, 2024. *The following topics will be addressed:*

- i. *Review of key observations and recommendations in the 2016 study*
- ii. *Update on CSE/CPSE Chair*
- iii. *Staffing requests for 2024-25 budget*
 - 1. *OT*
 - 2. *Teachers*

4. Adjourn

Committee

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.