

**Board of Education Special Education
Committee**

Minutes

March 15, 2024

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

Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Lucasey, Ms. Stringer, Ms. Kaplan, Ms. Grosso, Dr. Stinchcomb, Mr. Slentz

1. Framing the work

Committee

- a. Review and approval of agenda

Committee members approved the agenda

2. Updates and Recommendations

Administration

- a. Board recommendations for March 19

Ms. Kaplan updated the committee on a new format for the recommendations that met compliance requirements, was parallel to the prior written notice, and that required additional steps by special education teachers to complete the necessary records.

New format for reevaluations and annual reviews

- b. Student Concerns

- i. Students' Rights to FAPE Ending at the Conclusion of the School Year that They Turn 21

Administration provided an overview of a recent NY State Supreme Court ruling and associated memo from counsel regarding whether a student with disabilities may continue to receive services until age 22.

- ii. Out-of-District Placements for current school year

Ms. Kaplan provided an overview of current students who may need out-of-district programming for the remainder of the current school year.

- c. Continuum updates

- i. Update on program for students 19-22 for 2024-25

Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso updated the committee on the plan under consideration where students would have access to academic, vocational, and transition services and opportunities. The committee also discussed the plan for developing a more comprehensive approach to transition services within the District.

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

Ms. Grosso reviewed the specific areas of work that she, Ms. Kaplan, and the special education team were working on relative to the recommendations in the 2016 study.

- e. Staffing requests for 2024-25 budget

- i. OT
- ii. Teachers
- iii. TAs
- iv. Professional Development
- v. Curriculum

Administration updated the committee on the tentative plan for staffing of new classrooms for the 2024-25 school year.

3. Next Meeting Date

Committee

- a. April 19, 2024

4. Adjourn

Committee

The meeting adjourned at 11:03.