



## Board of Education Special Education Committee

### *Minutes*

May 17, 2024

Time 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Board of Education Room

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

*The meeting convened at 1:00 p.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

*Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso updated the committee on various students in out-of-district placements.*

- b. CPSE concerns

*Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso updated the committee on the CPSE referral process, the current status of referrals, and the future impact of current student programming needs. The committee discussed the lack of CPSE related services in the county and the possibility of BOCES providing additional support.*

- c. Current referral trends

*Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso updated the committee on current referrals and the connection between the MTSS process in buildings and the referral process. Administrators will spend time this summer reviewing the issue.*

- d. Alternate Assessment status

*To ensure that the vast majority of students take the state's general assessment and only students with the most significant cognitive disabilities take an alternate assessment aligned with alternate academic achievement standards, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) places a state-level cap on the total number of students with significant cognitive disabilities who participate in alternate assessment to 1% of the total number of students in the state who are assessed in the subject. States must require school districts that assess more than 1% of their students in any subject with an alternate assessment to submit information to the state justifying the need to exceed the threshold. Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso updated the committee on the district's compliance with the rule.*

- e. Special Education Plan status (District Goal #1)

*Ms. Kaplan shared that she and Ms. Grosso have completed a draft form of the District Special Education Plan and the Parents of A Student with Disabilities Handbook. The committee will review both resources at the June 20 meeting.*

- f. Special education staffing



*Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Grosso updated the committee on the status of new hires, the continued need for the CSE chair position, and the strong performance of the district's part-time behavior specialist.*

**3. Next Meeting Date**

*Committee*

- a. June 20, 2024: *The committee will review the District Special Education Plan and the Parents of A Student with Disabilities Handbook.*

**4. Adjourn**

*Committee*

*The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.*