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**South Dakota Department of Education**

**Committee of Practitioners**

**April 22, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Chairperson Vice Chairperson**

**Becky Guffin Laura Willemssen**

**U.S. P.L. 114-95**

**ESEA of 1965 as amended by ESSA 2015**

**Part F - General Provisions**

**Section 1603 - State Administration**

(b) COMMITTEE OF PRACTITIONERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State educational agency that receives funds under this title shall create a State committee of practitioners to advise the State in carrying out its responsibilities under this title.

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Each such committee shall include—

(A) as a majority of its members, representatives from local educational agencies;

(B) administrators, including the administrators of programs described in other parts of this title;

(C) teachers from traditional public schools and charter schools (if there are charter schools in the State) and career and technical educators;

(D) principals and other school leaders;

(E) parents;

(F) members of local school boards;

(G) representatives of private school children;

(H) specialized instructional support personnel and paraprofessionals;

(I) representatives of authorized public chartering agencies (if there are charter schools in the State); and

(J) charter school leaders (if there are charter schools in the State).

(3) DUTIES.— The duties of such committee shall include a review, before publication, of any proposed or final State rule or regulation pursuant to this title. In an emergency situation where such rule or regulation must be issued within a very limited time to assist local educational agencies with the operation of the program under this title, the State educational agency may issue a regulation without prior consultation, but shall immediately thereafter convene the State committee of practitioners to review the emergency regulation before issuance in final form.

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**ESEA Committee of Practitioners**

**April 22, 2021; 9:30**

**Virtual Meeting**

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9: 30 am **Welcome**

Call the Meeting to Order - Becky Guffin, Chairperson

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Open for Public Comment – 5 minutes and submitted in written form

If you are interested in providing public comment, please send notification to [Jordan.Varilek@state.sd.us](mailto:Jordan.Varilek@state.sd.us) or call (605)773-6400.

9:45 am Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) amendment, waiver, addendum.

Statewide Assessment updates.

Every Student Succeeds Act updates: assessment, accountability, Title I related.

11:00 am Adjourn

Roll call: In attendance Becky Guffin, Chrissy Peterson, Cecilia Estes, Nicole Hansen, Joan Brost, Kari Behm, Shannon Malone, Jordan Varilek, Yutzil Becker, Matt Gill, Megan Aadland, Dawn Smith.

Shannon Malone Director Learning and Instruction shared information regarding the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which allowed South Dakota Department of Education (SDDOE) to apply for various waivers for fiscal and accountability for Title I. SDDOE was granted not to test in spring 2020. SD held public comment and determined to apply for a waiver. DOE submitted a second waiver in March. The addendum will not be reviewed by USED.

Shannon Malone shared information regarding the small and special school audit process USED approved through Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). USED explained to SDDOE not meeting the letter of the law and need to revise small and special schools process. As a result all schools will go through the accountability process. Schools that don’t meet “N” size of ten will go through small schools audit. Small schools could be identified for school improvement.

Megan Aadland

2020-21 Report Card information shared Waiver approved by USEDED.

Discussion about long term goals.

Matt Gill Assessment Director provided assessment update on:

ACCESS assessment window

Science will report if there is 80% participation for each subgroup

As of July 1st 2021 homeschool testing is no longer required

Provided number of tests completed for assessments

Yutzil Becker Title I Assistant Administrator shared info on EL exit criteria waiting to hear from USED regarding exit criteria.

Jordan Varilek shared SDDOE is requesting to hold some school improvement funds for ongoing supports for currently designated schools in improvement.

Chrissy Peterson motion to use funds for SI support seconded by Joan Brost funds approved by motion

Nicole Hansen and Joan Brost approve the reallocation of funds not spent in 2020-21 due to impacts of Covid.

Meeting in June for COP to convene date to be determined.

Meeting brought to a close adjourn at 10:14 by Dr. Becky Guffin

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