

**Minutes of the
Committee of Practitioners Meeting
December 3, 2019
Virtual Meeting Pierre, SD**

Call to Order

The meeting of the ESEA Committee of Practitioners (COP) was called to order by Becky Guffin, chair, at 11:02 a.m. Central Time on December 3, 2019.

Attendance

Members present were: Becky Guffin, Joan Brost, Stacy Nemecek, Cecilia Estes, Nicole Hansen, Chrissy Peterson, and Linda Jensen. Joan Dunmire, Laura Willemsen, Kari Behm, Cari Leidholt and Wayne Sullivan were not able to attend the meeting.

Staff persons in attendance for all or part of the meeting were: Shannon Malone, Yutzil Becker, Jordan Varilek, Lauren Jahn, and Laura Johnson Frame.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Peterson, second by Brost to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed and the agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of March 19, 2019

Motion by Hansen, second by Estes to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019, meeting as printed. The motion passed.

New Member

Members were introduced to Linda F. Jensen, newly appointed member of the committee. Jensen is a teacher at Red Willow Colony in the Deubrook Area School District. Ms. Jensen is currently in her 27th year of teaching and is working as the only teacher for all the students/grades at Red Willow. The colony school is a Title I school with 100% of the students starting school as English learners.

Public Comment

No member of the public attended the meeting and no comments were received.

1003 School Improvement Funds - Malone

The statute that pertains to school improvement funds is Section 1003. 1003(a)(1) or (2) and 1003(b) School Improvement Funds are funds that are set aside at the SD DOE level as support to districts for school improvement purposes. Approximately \$3 million has been set aside with the federal statute allowing 7% of this portion to be used by the state for direct school support. The expected costs of providing School Success Facilitators and School Success Facilitator Advisors to schools identified as needing support is \$1 million. This funding must come out of the state set aside as this is the only available funding. The remaining \$2 million will be used in the form of grants to school districts for school improvement purposes.

Malone, on behalf of the SD DOE, asked the COP members whether 7% from the top for the state level administration as allowed by the statute was a reasonable amount to set aside for this purpose.

Motion by Brost, second by Estes to hold \$1,000,000 of the 1003 School Improvement funds for use by the Department in providing support to the schools needing improvement. Motion passed.

Revisions to the ESSA State Plan for 2020-2021 - Malone

The South Dakota Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan Workgroup completed their work between March 19 and September 27, 2019. The workgroup reviewed the current accountability procedures and made recommendations to the SD Department of Education prior to the creation of the 2020-2021 testing, procedures, and report cards. The SD DOE reviewed the recommendations internally and made some changes and accepted others. The SD DOE has had consultation with the Governor's Office as required by ESSA. The SD DOE will meet with the US Department of Education representatives for clarification on some items. A public comment period will occur; followed by consideration of the comments, and final submission to US Department of Education in February.

Motion by Hansen, second by Brost to forward the revised state plan (workgroup and department) recommendations for public comment and for submission to the US Department of Education. Motion passed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.