

SD ADVISORY PANEL ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES MINUTES



Date: June 5, 2024

Time: 9:00 am-11:00 central time

Location: Via Zoom

Board Members Present

LeAnne Bawek, Renee Bostick, Katie Gran, Katie Larson, Mary Anne Fleury, Stacey Meyer, Meaghan Neuberger, Brian Poelstra, Emily Quick, Julie Tipton, Jessica Vogel, Kelsey Weismantel, Elizabeth Welfl

Board Members Absent

Angie Brown, Haley Carey, Darcy Peterson, Michelle Martin, Charlotte Walking Eagle, Ashley Reints

Call to order and Introductions at 9:00 a.m.

Meaghan Neuberger, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Introductions were made.

Approval of the Agenda:

- Katie Gran moved to approve the agenda. Katie Larson seconded.
- Motion carried by roll call vote.

Approval of January meeting minutes:

- Stacey Meyer moved to approve the minutes April 3, 2024, minutes. Renee Bostick seconded.
- Motion carried by roll call vote.

Public Comment:

- None

Agenda Item: DOE Updates by Linda Turner and Wendy Trujillo

- Interagency Agreements- the Interagency Agreements with the Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Corrections (DOC), and Board of Regents were discussed. The agreements can be reviewed any time by the Department of Education (DOE) but are on a three-year cycle.
- Extraordinary Cost Funds Board met on May 8, 2024. Linda explained the set of dollar amounts that the Department receives, and how the districts can apply for the available funds.
 - This year 18 school districts applied, and all were approved with some funds carried over.
 - Total funding request in the amount of \$4,642,802 was awarded.

- Some districts had a high number of paraprofessionals- For the perspective of the Board, they want to ensure the students need that level of assistance and are being utilized specially for special education services.
- Paraprofessional Guidelines Guidance was discussed. The goal is to have this as a document for all audiences.
- Administrative Rules for Public Comment – House Bill (HB) 1220 deals with the number of days a due process could be appealed. These are the appeals that go through a hearing or court. The state law had 30-day appeal window and administrative rules had a 90-day appeal for special education. IDEA allows for 30-90 days. It is up to the state to determine. The bill was introduced to match the timeline appeal window for other appeals in the state. To be sure there isn't a conflict with our administrative rules and the state law, Department of Education is amending the rules to reflect the 30-day window. A couple other rules were also submitted to help clarify the references to complaints. The hearing for these rules will be July 8 before the Board of Education Standards.
- Surrogate Parent Manual was discussed. The manual provides guidance for when a district should be identifying a surrogate parent for the student.
- Certificates of Service for Panel Members whose terms that expire at the end of June was discussed. The following panel members whose term end include: LeeAnn Bawek, Renee Bostick, Angie Brown, Michelle Martin, Stacey Meyer, Meaghan Neuberger, Darcy Peterson, Charlotte Walking Eagle, Kelsey Weismantel, and Ashley Reints. The Department is currently awaiting for appointments by the Governor.

Agenda Item: Priority Area

- Subcommittee Panel Members: Engaging Youth in their IEP Document-A handout of the document was dispersed. The only change suggested was to change the number five banner from Engage to Support.

Meeting Take Away for Annual Report:

- Engaging Youth Document and how to display/disburse.
- Summary of everything talked about today.
- Surrogate Parent Manual will be sent out.

Next Meeting:

- Will be held September 18 & September 19, 2024, from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Library Commons in Pierre.
 - Annual Business
 - Train New Board Members

Adjournment at 10:11 a.m.

- Katie Larson moved to adjourn the meeting. Katie Gran seconded.
- Motion carried by roll call vote.