

Balanced Accountability Measure Committee

Minutes
February 29, 2016
11:00 a.m.

Springfield - Illinois State Board of Education
Alzina Building
100 North First Street
Videoconference Room, 3rd Floor
Springfield, Illinois

Chicago - Illinois State Board of Education
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph
Videoconference Room, 14th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Call to Order

Chairwoman Boucek began the meeting at 11:07 a.m..

Roll Call

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Committee members attending in Chicago:

Sara Boucek
Ryan Crosby
Kurt Hilgendorf (arrived at 11:43a.m.)

Public attending in Chicago:

Bethany Lyke, Illinois Center for School Improvement

Committee members attending in Springfield:

Cathy Mannen
Karl Goeke
Roger Eddy
Mark Klasiner

Committee members attending by phone:

Mary Jane Morris
Daniel Booth

ISBE staff in Springfield:

Katherine Galloway
Jason Helfer
Angela Chamness

Public Attending in Springfield:

Shannon Fehrholz, IARSS

ISBE staff in Chicago:

Melina Wright

Participation by Phone

Karl Goeke made a motion to allow Mary Jane Morris and Daniel Booth to participate in the meeting by phone. Cathy Mannen seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Ryan Crosby introduced himself and explained the accountability system in place in Chicago Public Schools.

Approval of Minutes

Karl Goeke made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 13, 2015 meeting. Roger Eddy seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Review of Quality Standards/Standards for Effectiveness

Chair Boucek explained the next steps for the Committee and the Standards. The ISBE will need to review and approve the Standards and the Committee will need to form a guiding document and rubric, which will need to go through a review process as well.

The Committee discussed how the rubric will be developed. There was discussion regarding if it would be done by ISBE, a contractor or if the stakeholder groups could provide resources to work on it collaboratively. The Committee discussed concerns on timing for the rubric development.

Karl Goeke expressed questions on the Standards that were approved by the Committee in January; in particular he had concerns regarding the Guiding Principles for Implementation. Chair Boucek created a subcommittee of Karl Goeke and herself to review the Guiding Principles for Implementation. They will bring recommendations to the next meeting on March 9, 2016.

Discussion of Impact of ESSA and HB 2683

Chair Boucek discussed the impact of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) on the Committee's work and the Standards. The Committee discussed timelines of Illinois' new accountability system, in particular the phase-in of the Standards to begin the 2016-17 school year as regulated by statute. The ESSA will impact the new Standards and therefore, the Committee discussed the impact of a legislative change to push the start of the program to the 2017-18 school year and the subsequent five year phase-in through 2022-23.

The Committee members agreed to work amongst their respective groups and ISBE to see if a legislative fix is needed to change the timeline of the phase-in.

Discussion of Recommended Procedures, Protocols and Resources

The Committee began a discussion on what an effective accountability system might look like in school districts. They discussed how assessments might be used, how often districts might be reviewed and how local autonomy can play into the larger system.

The Committee began a discussion on the current assessment requirements and how it will phase into the assessment requirements in ESSA. They began a discussion on moving into a progressive approach for assessments, but that would take time. They began a discussion on what it would look like to move in that direction while also meeting federal requirements.

Chair Boucek asked the Committee to review House Bill 2683 and ESSA before the next meeting on March 9, 2016 and be prepared to further the conversation.

Public Comment

Bethany Lyke from the Illinois Center for School Improvement suggested to the Committee that taking the time to review the Standards and get feedback in order to work within ESSA will be in the best interest. She commended the Committee for their work thus far.

Adjourn

Cathy Mannen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karl Goeke seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:50p.m.