# ILLINOIS STATE ADVISORY COUNCILON THE EDUCATION OF

## **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Illinois State Board of Education
Business Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:30 am

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#### 1) Procedural Business

- a) Call to Order/Roll Call
  - i) Condolences to family of Susy Woods who played a vital role on the Board
  - ii) In virtual attendance: Carolina Schoenback, Elizabeth Campos, Katrina Athony, Katie Blank (joined late), Dr. Yun-Ching Chung, Letitia Doe (joined late), Dr. Diana Kon, Jennifer Littrell, Dr. Kimberly Miller, Ancel Montenelli, Dr. Jennifer Naddeo, Lauren Proby, Nicholas Tomasso, Debra Vines, Cynthia Winfield, Barb Moore (ISBE). Quorum
- b) Adoption of Agenda/Roll Call
  - i) No proposed edits to the agenda-motion made to approve agenda omitting c & d
    - (1) Ms. Campos-so moved, seconded by Mr. Tomasso. Motion carries
- c) Adoption of Subcommittee Prior Meeting Minutes
  - i) June 7, 2023, July 20, 2023 & October 12, 2023
    - (1) Proposed by Ms. Vines, seconded by Ms. Naddeo. Motion carries.

### 2) Public Comment

a) None

## 3) Presentations

- a) -Mutti with Family Matters provides support and education to families. Refer stakeholders to their website for help. -Phillips with Family Resource Center offers parent leadership, IDEA, and 504 training with required 10 person minimum attendance. Also works with other community partners. -Phillips with Family Resource Center anyone can request training. Parent leadership training offered, IDEA, 504 but also work with other community partners.
- b) SLD Project- Tony- Goal is to reduce achievement gap. Specialize in dyslexia, dysgraphia, & dyscalculia. They draft revisions of the dyslexia handbook. Target audience is anyone working with student specific learning disabilities, spec ed and gen ed. Also have training on co-teaching and inclusion. Website is sldsupports.org. Offers free in-person, on-demand training and PD. March 18-19 first statewide conference in Effingham. Thuma- Conference registration opens January 2, 2024 with two summer symposiums in June 2024. Also working with other states to offer a virtual conference institute on October 11, 2024 supporting TA projects for teacher support, at least one live webinar per month, and on-demand trainings including 34 webinars for teachers. Dyslexia handbook just came out and is on ISBE's website. Dyslexia toolkit will be

- updated monthly. Targeted to support schools as NI or NA2. In January, they are beginning learning pathways and are hoping to have ten. In February will offer webinars dyslexia handbook and toolkit. In March they put together a SLD instructional playbook.
- c) Moore- Error on agenda, we do not have the Illinois Center for Transition and Work. We have Training Qualified Interpreters for IEP. Burton- Working with training qualified interpreters for IEP meetings across Illinois. Changing rules for interpreters resulted in this joint project with ISBE and U of I. It's a modular online training program for interpreters. Reviewed five-year project timeline. Training program piloted with the first course of individuals. Cohort 2 registration just opened, immediately filled, and begins January 2024. A program registration website has been launched.
- d) Illinois State Board of Education Update-Moore- Personnel updates, working with districts on their child count, SPP, APR report due February 1st; and LEA data, cyclical monitoring, and any changes for FY 25. Posting of the dyslexia manual, qualified interpreter training & working on PUNS training.

# 4) Old Business

- a) Goals of Council No update
- b) Calendar- Change February Meeting Date and Legislative Day-Shoenbeck change date to February 7, 2024. Legislative would be in the morning, with the Business meeting at 1:00. Elizabeth Campos, so moved. Dr. Kimberly Miller, second. Motion passes.

## 5) New Business

a) Bilingual Special Education Subcommittee Letter-Schoenbeck read letter and asked if Amy Harder (or another) could attend next Executive committee meeting and move to old business.

### 6) Committee Reports

- a) Executive Committee-reviewed goals, new chairs, next meeting January 16, 2024.
- b) Twice Gifted Learners-no updates, have not met.
- c) Legislation-Met with Ms. Moore she shared changes to 226, preparing for Legislative Day. Looking for topics such as PUNS, day in the life of a special needs educator, RTO, IAASE has also joined in for the 7th.
- d) Comprehensive State Plan Committee- Have not met, no plans submitted at this time.
- e) Bilingual Special Education Committee- Met in November, discussion of multi-lingual presentation and submission of letter. Next meeting February 13th.
- f) Significant Disproportionality- Met December 6th no quorum present. Ms. Fester from ISBE presented and updated 25 districts have identified, PLCS are in initial stages and has been marginally successful, and there is a national center to support states. Technical support is available. Anticipation for COVID lag, so factor that we are looking at data from previous years. Holly will update in six months.
- g) Family Communications- Met November 27, 2023, and December 12, 2023. Want to establish goals and let people know who they are and work on a family friendly user document. Discussed ways to get their name and information out. Recruiting new members. Next meeting January 29, 2024 at 1:00.

## 7) Adjournment

a) Motion to adjourn- Ms. Naddeo. Second- Ms. Campos. Motion carries.