



ILLINOIS STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street
4th Floor Board Room
Springfield, IL 62703

Business Meeting

9 a.m. February 8, 2023

Via GoTo Meeting and In-Person in Springfield

I. Procedural Business

- a. Call to Order/Roll Call Ms. Elizabeth Campos
 - i. Present in Springfield In-Person: Katrina Anthony, Carolina Schoenbeck Barb Moore (ISBE), Laura Avery (ISBE) and Gina Suszko (ISBE).
 - ii. Present Virtually: Dr. Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh, Katie Blank, Elizabeth Campos, Dr. Yun-Ching Chung, Letitia Doe, Judy Hackett, Dr. Stephanie Jones, Diana Kon, Harrison Littrell, Jennifer Littrell, Dr. Jennifer Naddeo, Debbie Stein, Nick Tomasso, Cynthia Winfield, and Susy Woods.
 - iii. Absent: Chevelle Bailey, ShaRhonda Dawson, Ancel Montenelli, Lauren Proby, Debra Vines, and Mary Wyman.
 - iv. The Council has twenty-three members, so a quorum was reached.
- b. Adoption of Agenda/Roll Call Ms. Campos
 - i. Ms. Schoenbeck moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of "Calendar Review" under "Old Business," and Ms. Woods seconded the motion. No discussion. Ms. Anthony, Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh, Ms. Blank, Ms. Campos, Dr. Chung, Ms. Hackett, Dr. Jones, Ms. Kon, Ms. Littrell, Dr. Naddeo, Ms. Schoenbeck, Ms. Stein, Mr. Tomasso, Ms. Winfield, and Ms. Woods voted to accept the agenda.
 - ii. Due to connectivity issues, Ms. Doe and Mr. Littrell abstained.
- c. Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes/Roll Call Ms. Campos
 - i. Ms. Woods moved to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting on June 2, 2022. Ms. Schoenbeck seconded the motion. No discussion. Ms. Anthony, Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh, Ms. Blank, Ms. Campos, Dr. Chung, Ms. Hackett, Dr. Jones, Ms. Kon, Ms. Littrell, Dr. Naddeo, Ms. Schoenbeck, Ms. Stein, Mr. Tomasso, Ms. Winfield, and Ms. Woods voted to accept the minutes.
 - ii. Due to connectivity issues, Ms. Doe and Mr. Littrell abstained.

II. Public Comment

Ms. Campos

- a. Ms. Campos opened the floor to public comment. A few members of the public introduced themselves, but made no comment.

III. Presentations

Ms. Campos

- a. ISBE Update Ms. Moore
 - i. Ms. Moore gave an update regarding retirements in the agency, the status of the organizational chart, and the status of fiscal allocations

(emphasizing how fiscal procedures for the Council will need to be revisited prior to Fiscal Year 24).

- ii. Ms. Moore informed the Council on the submission of the Annual Performance Report (APR) and Significant Disproportionality letters.
- iii. Ms. Moore advised the Council of the record number of dispute resolutions and the in-progress expansion of the Due Process Team.
- iv. Ms. Moore updated the Council on the work of the Monitoring Team and the subjects of upcoming bills, including early literacy, dyslexia, and graduation rates.
- v. Ms. Moore answered the Council's general questions concerning the acquisition and distribution of district and student data.
- b. Parent Training and Information Centers Update Ms. Lynn Betts
 - i. Ms. Betts, who attended as a member of the public, informed the Council of upcoming parent advocacy leadership training which helps both parents and students navigate the IEP process.
 - ii. Ms. Betts advised that should a member of the Council wish to have more information or resource documents, they should contact Ms. Betts directly via email.
- c. Advisory Council Overview Ms. Campos & Ms. Schoenbeck
 - i. Ms. Campos and Ms. Schoenbeck gave a power point presentation explaining the duties and responsibilities of the Council as outlined in both the Illinois School Code as well as the Advisory Council's own Rules of Procedure.
 - ii. Ms. Campos and Ms. Schoenbeck emphasized how the Council's role is to advise ISBE of unmet needs of special needs students and opinions on upcoming bills.

IV. Old Business

- a. Committee Interest Ms. Campos
Ms. Campos & Ms. Schoenbeck
 - i. Ms. Campos and Ms. Schoenbeck asked Council members to submit their committee interest to Ms. Campos, Ms. Schoenbeck, and Ms. Suszko in order to update the Council's records.
 - ii. Ms. Moore emphasized the need to comply with Open Meetings Act (OMA) guidelines when planning committee meetings. Ms. Moore explained that while ISBE will assist with meeting OMA standards, the burden of creating minutes and agendas falls on the committee chairs.
- b. Legislative Breakfast Ms. Schoenbeck
 - i. Ms. Schoenbeck brought to the Council's attention how the current date of April 14th for the legislative breakfast would not fall within congressional session, therefore would not reach their targeted audience.
 - ii. Ms. Moore emphasized how funding for the legislative breakfast would come from the Council and not from ISBE as it is a non-essential social event. Ms. Moore also brought up the need to avoid quorum at social events.
 - iii. Dr. Naddeo briefly mentioned not holding the legislative breakfast due to logistical concerns. The Council discussed at length the true purpose of the breakfast and what value it had for both the legislators and the Council members.

- iv. Ms. Woods asked why ISBE is no longer supporting the breakfast financially as they had in the past. Ms. Woods then proposed a motion to reschedule the legislative breakfast to Wednesday April 19th. Ms. Schoenbeck seconded the motion. No further discussion. Ms. Anthony, Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh, Ms. Blank, Ms. Campos, Dr. Chung, Ms. Doe, Ms. Hackett, Dr. Jones, Ms. Kon, Mr. Littrell, Ms. Littrell, Dr. Naddeo, Ms. Schoenbeck, Ms. Stein, Mr. Tomasso, Ms. Winfield, and Ms. Woods voted to accept the motion.
- v. Due to having left the meeting prematurely, Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh, Ms. Blank, and Ms. Stein did not participate in the roll call vote.

V. New Business

Ms. Campos

- a. Preparation for Legislative Day
 - i. Ms. Campos asked the Council to help arrange reserving the venue, catering, and assist with funding the endeavor.
- b. Request for Information from ISBE
 - i. Ms. Schoenbeck asked Ms. Moore for reports giving demographic information for student populations of special needs, a flowchart for the ISBE Special Education Directors, follow-up information regarding transportation and hotel coverage, and forwarding the concern about F & P and the cueing method to the director of the standards and instruction department.
 - ii. The Council would like to connect with a group that is working on specific learning disabilities and specialized instruction around students with dyslexia. The Council also requests a presence during the updating of the dyslexia manual.

Ms. Schoenbeck

VI. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. Ms. Campos asked Chairs to report their committee work. Dr. Naddeo reported on the work of the Significant Disproportion Committee and the Twice Gifted Learners Liaisons. Ms. Kon and Ms. Blank both reported that the Legislative and Comprehensive State Plan Committees, respectively, had not met and therefore had no updates.

VII. Adjournment/Roll Call

Ms. Campos

- a. Ms. Hackett moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Woods seconded the motion. No discussion. Ms. Anthony, Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh, Ms. Blank, Ms. Campos, Dr. Chung, Ms. Hackett, Dr. Jones, Ms. Kon, Ms. Littrell, Dr. Naddeo, Ms. Schoenbeck, Ms. Stein, Mr. Tomasso, Ms. Winfield, and Ms. Woods voted to adjourn.
- b. Due to having left the meeting prematurely, Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh, Ms. Blank, and Ms. Stein did not participate in the roll call vote.

Next Advisory Council Business Meeting is at 9 a.m. on Wednesday April 19.