

**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 Minutes – Virtual Only
June 9, 2022
9:00am
(via GoTo Meeting)

ISAC Members Present

Katrina Anthony Chevelle Bailey Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh Elizabeth Campos-Hamilton Yun-Ching Chung Letitia Doe Keith Dronen	Judy Hackett Stephanie Jones Diana Kon Christy Lee Gary Lewis Ancel Montenelli Jennifer Naddeo	Lauren Proby Carolina Schoenbeck Deborah Stein Debra Vines Cynthia Winfield Susy Woods
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ISAC Members Absent

Katie Blank	ShaRhonda Dawson	Mary Wyman
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ISBE Staff Present

Andy Eulass Barbara Moore	Peggy O’Neal Erin Saxton-Snodgrass	
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Guests Present

None noted	

I. Procedural Business

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh

Peggy O'Neal

B. Adoption of Agenda/Roll Call

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh
Peggy O'Neal

Motion #1 – Jennifer Naddeo made motion to accept agenda.
Katrina Anthony seconded. Motion passed.

C. Adoption of Business Meeting Minutes

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh
Peggy O'Neal

Motion #2 - Christy Lee would like the addition of "2-party" to the minutes in the section on IEP recordings that states "California is the only **2-party** state that has legislation allowing recordings." Katrina Anthony moved to accept 4-13-22 Business Meeting Minutes as amended. Christy Lee seconded. Motion passed.

II. Public Comment

(Testimony Limited to Five Minutes per Person)

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. Individuals requiring special accommodations should contact the Illinois State Board of Education (voice: 217/782-5589 and TTY: 217/782-1900) at least one week prior to the meeting date to allow time for making accommodations.

None.

III. Presentations

Restraint and Time Out Reporting Legislation Guideline Overview – Erin Saxton-Snodgrass

Erin's PowerPoint presentation was emailed to all council members and is available upon request.

Comprehensive Plan Annual Review – Sue Taylor, ISBE – report read by Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh

Dunlap CUSD#323 will become an independent stand-alone district for the purposes of special education beginning 7-1-22. ISBE will be onsite (to be scheduled during the upcoming school year) to review special education services and implementation of the plan. The Illinois Special Education Charter Cooperative (ISECC) became a new special education joint agreement cooperative on 7-1-21. An onsite visit was conducted by ISBE on 5/11-13/22. The ISECC will be provided an approved final report for special education services. Taylorville CUSD#3 had filed a special education comprehensive plan to withdraw from the NPT cooperative; however, their

appeal to withdraw was denied. One district plans to withdraw from their cooperative and become an independent stand-alone district for the purposes of special education beginning 7-1-23.

IV. Closed Session (Action Item) Due Process Officers Overview

Andrew Eulass, ISBE

Motion #3 -

Elizabeth Campos-Hamilton

Pursuant to Section 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 14-8.02c of the Illinois School Code (Public Act 94-1100), I move that the ISAC membership enter closed session for the purpose of discussing the recommendation for Hearing Officer appointments made the Due Process Screening Committee at its May 12, 2022 meeting. Diana Kon moved to go into closed session. Stephanie Jones seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #4 -

Elizabeth Campos-Hamilton

Pursuant to Section 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 14-8.02c of the Illinois School Code (Public Act 94-1100), Cynthia Winfield moved that the Committee end the closed session having reviewed the performance evaluations of the Impartial Due Process Hearing Officers to determine whether said Hearing Officers shall be recommended for reappointment for the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Katrina Anthony seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #5 -

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh

Pursuant to Section 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act and Section 14-8.02c of the Illinois School Code (Public Act 94-1100), Cynthia Winfield moved that the Committee end the closed session having reviewed the performance evaluations of the Impartial Due Process Hearing Officers to recommend said Hearing Officers be reappointed for the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Judy Hackett seconded. Motion passed.

V. Illinois State Board of Education Update

Barb Moore, ISBE

ISBE Personnel Updates - We have a new supervisor, Mary Lanoue, for programmatic support (nonpublic services), as well as working with residential placement facilities, etc. We have two principal consultants starting - one in June and one in July. We have 95% of our vacancies filled now. All monitor positions are now filled. Our residential placement coordinator will be starting soon. We are still looking for a director, as the department will be dividing into two departments.

Data Updates –We will be reviewing our annual performance report and our state systemic improvement plan with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education, and find out if there are any corrections they are requesting of us. We are

in Cohort 2 of OSEP's monitoring system. Around October we expect them to begin their review and they will be on site in the spring for this monitoring visit, interviewing ISBE personnel, district personnel and they may also interview members of ISAC as well. We will continue to update ISAC as to when this will occur. Some members of the Data Strategies team and I attended a conference this week with the IDEA Data Center, which is one of our OSEP funded technical assistance centers. This is helping us to rethink some of our data strategies, and plan forward. We also had a stakeholder group meet yesterday to review our monitoring processes and determinations/evaluations of school districts.

Behavioral Training Assessment – We have entered into a contract with Southern Illinois University to provide training for school personnel on conducting behavioral assessments, effective behavioral intervention plans, and updating guidance on working with behavioral intervention plans for children with special needs.

We have been doing a lot to update the ISBE Special Education website pages. I would encourage everyone to browse through these pages. We've done a lot with tiered supports and our catalog of resources to get this information out to districts. These resources have been vetted and developed by these nationally funded OSEP centers.

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh asked if Barb Moore could go into the contracts with ISU. Barb responded that we actually have 2 projects: one we refer to as our A+ project - this is our autism learning and supports project. They work with public schools, special education cooperatives, and even some of our nonpublic schools, particularly helping with those entities that have really struggled with needs for children in the autistic spectrum. We also have a project focusing on secondary transitioning for students with autism. Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh asked about the IEPQ project. Barb replied that ISBE works with the University of Illinois on the IEPQ project, working on training districts to support staff in writing high quality IEPs. ROE 9 as well as some others are participating in IL Elevating Special Educators, which provides mentoring, focusing on early career educators, and early literacy skills as well.

VI. Subcommittee Reports (if held)

Executive Committee

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh

We met on 5-11 and focused on the development of the annual report which Elizabeth Campos-Hamilton developed. We also worked on the upcoming year's calendar, noting that ISBE will no longer provide funding for the legislative breakfast.

Comprehensive State Plan Committee

Susy Woods

Gary Lewis, Vice Chair, reports they reviewed the state plan for Dunlap and that it was turned into ISBE.

Susy Woods is having technical difficulties. Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh asked who is the Vice Chair for Legislative? Carolina Schoenbeck replied she is Vice Chair, and there had been a meeting scheduled but she wasn't able to attend so is not sure if the meeting was held.

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh mentioned she will be one of the delegates to the Twice Gifted Learners committee and asked if any other members would like to volunteer. Jennifer Naddeo volunteered.

Ancel Montenelli reported the bilingual committee did not meet.

Nomination subcommittee – Lauren Proby stated they met on 5-25 and discussed who to nominate for Chair and Vice Chair for next year.

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh will call a special business meeting so the nomination committee can propose a motion for next year's Chair and Vice Chair.

Significant Disproportionality – Jennifer Naddeo said they did meet and had a presentation by Holly Fester, ISBE, and they will continue to partner with Holly and ISBE. Jennifer asked if Peggy could share Holly's presentation with the subcommittee.

Review of Subcommittee Scheduling Process – Peggy briefly went over the process for scheduling subcommittee meetings.

VII. Rules of Procedure - By Laws Amendment – Section 2.5 –

Motion #6

Carolina Schoenbeck moved to reinstate the language in the Rules of Procedure Section 2.5 for the bilingual liaison to the Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education joint subcommittee. Lauren Proby seconded. Motion passed.

Motion #7 - Carolina Schoenbeck moved to reinstate the language in the Rules of Procedure Section 2.5 pertaining to the liaison to the Illinois Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children. Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh advised that this committee is also identified as Twice Exceptional Learners. Jennifer Naddeo seconded. Motion passed.

VIII. 22-23 Calendar – Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh stated that the major change in the calendar for the upcoming year applies to the legislative subcommittee regarding the legislative breakfast. Funding was previously provided by ISBE but will no longer be available for this upcoming year. The legislative subcommittee will need to come up with funding if they decide to do this event.

IX. Annual Report – Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh said that every year the annual report is completed by the Vice Chair. Elizabeth Campos-Hamilton did an outstanding job. This is submitted to the Governor’s Office and filed. Ancel Montenelli noted that his location is not Riverside; Peggy will correct this information before it is sent over.

Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh noted that she would call a special meeting in July, with the nominees taking their seats as Chair and Vice Chair in October.

X. Adjournment

Motion #8: Katrina Anthony moved to adjourn the meeting; Judy Hackett seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.