



Board of Education Special Education Committee

Minutes

January 19, 2024

Time 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Board of Education Room

Present: Ms. Lucasey, Ms. Stringer, Ms. Kaplan, Ms. Grosso, and Mr. Slentz

1. **Framing the work** *Committee*
 - a. Review and approval of agenda
Committee members approved the agenda.

2. **Updates and Recommendations** *Administration*
 - a. Out-of-district students
Special Education Administration updated the committee on an out-of-district student placement for the current year.
 - b. Teaching Assistant Update
Special Education Administration updated the committee on the challenges of recruiting and maintaining teaching assistants within the program. The committee discussed the implications of using teaching assistants on least restrictive environment requirements for students.
 - c. Behavior Specialist Position
Special Education Administration updated the committee on the progress of the part-time behavior specialist position that was created for the current year.
 - d. Continuum of services planning
Special Education Administration updated the committee on the anticipated expansion of classes in Springhurst and the Middle school for students with disabilities for the 2024-25 school year.
 - e. Review of key observations and recommendations in the 2016 study
The committee will discuss this at the February 16 meeting.

3. **Next Meeting Date** *Committee*
 - a. February 16, 2024. *The following topics will be addressed:*
 - i. *Review of key observations and recommendations in the 2016 study*
 - ii. *Update on CSE/CPSE Chair*
 - iii. *Staffing requests for 2024-25 budget*
 1. *OT*
 2. *Teachers*

4. **Adjourn** *Committee*

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.