



Wisconsin Council on Special Education Meeting Minutes

Date June 25, 2021

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Department of Public Instruction, Virtual Meeting

Meeting #330

Business Meeting #330: Meeting called to order at 10:01 am. 13 of 26 council members attended. Quorum was not met. Votes for minutes and council co-chairs will take place at the September meeting.

Council Attendance: Amy Stevens, Carla Witkowski, Hugh Davis, Jennifer Mims-Howell, Judy Conlin, Lisa Misco, Loucricia Carson, Meredith Dressel, Nelsinia Ramos, Nikki Sprague, Pamela Hencke, Pearl Fessenden, Sara Zwiefelhofer

DPI Attendance: Daniel Parker, Courtney Reed-Jenkins, Barbara Van Haren, Patti Williams, Lynn Wynn

I. Welcome

- a. Daniel Parker at 10:01am and turned over to council chair at 10:03am.

II. Review Minutes of Meeting #329

- a. Minutes were reviewed by council with no request for revisions. Since quorum not met, vote to approve minutes will take place in September meeting.

III. Correspondence/Chairperson's Report

- a. Chair's Annual Report for 2020-2021 council year
 - i. The report will be emailed to council once completed and submitted to the State Superintendent.
- b. Review of Council's Updated Policies & Procedures Document
 - i. Council members can send revision updates to DPI and updated policies and procedures will be available in the September council meeting.
- c. Review Council Priorities
 - i. This agenda item was not addressed.
- d. Review Public Forum Dates and Process
 - i. Reminder of dates of public forum for October 13 from 5:00 to 6:30 for virtual public forum with online comments open from October 11 to October 18. Spring public forum online comments only from March 01 to 09.

- e. Council Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair Vote
 - i. Two council members accepted nominations (Hugh Davis and Judy Conlin), a vote for co-chairs for 2021-2022 will take place at the September meeting.
- f. Announcements
 - i. Next council meeting date (September 24, 2021)
- g. IDEA Complaint and Due Process Hearing Findings & Decisions
 - i. Council reviewed the complaint data and issues with no comments or questions.
- h. Special Education Team Director's Report
 - i. Courtney Jenkins read special education director's report. There was discussion about the rule changes and questions from council related to the specific changes in the emotional behavioral disability rule. Links to information about rule changes including specific changes made to the emotional behavioral disability rule can be found on the [Wisconsin DPI administrative rules page](#).
 - ii. Council asked, "If the rule change for any of the areas of impairment gets filed after September 1, would evaluation teams be required to follow the rule change if the referral had been made but the evaluation team has yet made a determination, or would it only take effect for referrals that begin after the implementation date?" IEP teams must implement the criteria outlined in a new rule for any referral for special education received by the Local Educational Agency, e.g. school district, on or after the day the rule goes into effect. For referrals made prior to the effective date of any new rule, the IEP team uses the criteria from the previous rule to assist in determining special education eligibility.
- i. Introduce Assistant State Superintendent and Remarks and Awards to Outgoing Council Members
 - i. Courtney Jenkins introduced Barb Van Haren to present awards to departing council members. Barb is retiring July 5, 2021. Barb Van Haren presented recognition to 11 outgoing council members and shared brief remarks on her retirement and appreciation for council and the work they have done during her time at Wisconsin DPI.

IV. Special Report: Stakeholder Input on Wisconsin's State Performance Plan, 2020-25- Indicators 1, 2, 14 and Debrief

- a. Courtney Jenkins, Seth Bishop, Alicia Reinhardt, and Pam Jenson provided an overview of Indicators 1, 2, and 14 to assist council and the public to assist in providing input on State Performance Plan target setting for students in early childhood thru age 21 as part of Wisconsin's State Performance Plan for 2020-2025. Council members and the public provided values-based feedback to support setting targets.

- b. Information about target setting for these indicators, including links to information shared at the council meeting, can be found on the Wisconsin DPI web page asking stakeholders [How well is Wisconsin preparing students with individualized education programs \(IEPs\) for life after high school?](#)
- c. Council members and members of the public were broken into virtual breakout rooms to share and discuss ideas presented based on the Indicator 1, 2, and 14 presentation.

V. Lunch

VI. Special Report: Stakeholder Input on Wisconsin's State Performance Plan, 2020-25 – Indicators 1, 2, 14 and Debrief (continued)

- a. Council members and members of the public were able to ask questions of the presenters and provided feedback on Indicators 1, 2, and 14 via a Google form. This form is available on the Wisconsin DPI web page listed in these minutes and feedback can be provided into the 2021-2022 school year. Additional opportunities to provide input into Wisconsin's State Performance Plan target setting will take place at the first two council meetings in September and December for 2021. More information on these presentations and council and public feedback can be found on the [Wisconsin DPI State Performance Plan 2020-2025 web page.](#)

VII. Adjournment

Hugh motioned to adjourn. Judy Conlin moves to adjourn. Sara Z. seconded to adjourn. Meeting ended 2:55pm.