Michigan’s Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Lansing Community College – West Campus

Participants
Organizational Delegates Present

Organizational Alternates Present

Members At-Large Present
Anne Barna, Justin Caine, Joseph Kukulski*, Lily Schulting, Kara Tiethof, Regina Umpstead

Ex-Officio Members Present
Belle Bodell, Teri Chapman, Christine DeWildt, Cara Lougheed, Jennifer Hirst, James Thomas

Ex-Officio Alternates Present
Terri Milesky*, Kristalyn Musselman, Sara Orris*, Ann Rossi for Janet Kaley, Christina Sharp for Melissa Isaac
Absent
Michelle Frederick, Lori Skibbe

MDE Staff Present
Aaron Darling, Ashley Reed

Guests Present
Liz Bauer, Dan Centers, Michelle Fecteau, Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Caroline Liethen, Senator Dayna Polehanki, Peter Spadafore, Cindy Van Neste

Facilitator
Teri Pettit

*Participated via phone.

Minutes

Call to Order
Jennifer Headley-Nordman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Roll Call
Aaron Darling performed roll call.

Approval of Proposed Agenda including changes
Donna Case moved, seconded by Kathy Krause that the SEAC approve the March 4, 2020 agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Donna Case moved, seconded by Amy Trahey that the SEAC approve the February 5, 2020 meeting minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson’s Report by Jennifer Headley-Nordman
Jennifer reviewed the agenda and today’s focus.

1 Neither the delegate nor the alternate was physically present, nor did they participate by phone.
1. SEAC no longer accepting public comment.
2. Operating Procedures complete with vote to accept this afternoon.
3. Chat box no available for phone participants.
4. Review of norms.
5. Upcoming meeting with Membership Committee TBA.
6. Introduced featured members for March.
7. Upcoming Data-Based Individualization (DBI) training with Dr. Kim St. Martin.

**Michigan Teacher of the Year Update by Cara Lougheed**

1. Conversations with kids.
   a. All have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
2. Stressors are: the bus, getting behind in homework, large class sizes and some adults are hard to approach.
3. Wishes of adults:
   a. “I don’t want to be singled out or separated.”
   b. “Don’t treat me as fragile or different or less capable or younger than I am.”
   c. “I will ask when I need something.”
   d. “Sometimes I need help asking for what I need.”

**Overview of Teachers of Tomorrow, YouTube video of 2/11/2020 State Board of Education (SBE) by Teri Pettit**

1. Reviewed data on Teacher Certification in Michigan.
2. Watched the SBE meeting discussion regarding SB 657 (2:24:35 to 2:46:45).

**Legislative Review by Caroline Liethen**

1. Offered perspective and overview of Senate Bill 657.
2. Current law requires the State Superintendent to establish an alternative teaching certification process for the issuance of an interim teaching certificate (ITC). The statute outlines the following:
   a. Requirements for an alternative teaching certification program to be approved to operate in Michigan.
   b. Requirements that participants must complete to be granted an ITC.
3. SB 657 would eliminate a provision prohibiting an alternative teaching certification process to allow for an ITC for special education.
4. Received questions and provided clarification.

Update on *The Path Forward* by Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht

2. Review the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Rubric and Michigan’s Part B Results Matrix.
4. Expected outcomes.
5. Review of the Path-Forward strategic plan timeline.
   a. Phase 1: Dec. 2019-June 2021
      MAISE/MDE/MAASE partnership
      Alternative paths to diplomas
      Personal curriculum 2.0
      Determining proper state assessments for students with disabilities
      Statewide coordinated, aligned professional development for educators around PCs, Quality Tier I Instruction, EWIMS, Data analysis, Dropout coding
b. Phase 2: July 2021-June 2022
   Supports for MTSS / PBISM-STEP marketing & communications plan
   Alternative was to test/assess knowledge on statewide assessments
   Teacher & administrator preparation workgroup
   Wrap-around system work aimed at whole child

c. Phase 3: July 2022-July 2023
   SE Teacher Certification workgroup
   NAEP workgroup
   Technology utilization inventory

Operating Procedures Review by Donna Case

1. Operating procedures were presented to membership prior to the business
   meeting and a motion to make use of operating procedures rather than the 2
   previous documents, Bylaws and Policies & Procedures, was received by Kara
   Tiethof and Lily Schulting seconded the motion.
2. Roll Call Vote performed by Aaron Darling – Passing with 23 in favor, 1
   opposed.

Representatives Sharing Perspectives on SB 657

1. Liz Bauer, Senator Dayna Polehanki, Michelle Fecteau, Peter Spadafore,
   Kathleen Moore, and the Michigan Education Association.

Review of SB657 by Teri Pettit

1. Small group work.
2. Collective recommendation(s) for the State Board of Education as requested.

Sharing & Wrap-Up by Jennifer Headley-Nordman, SEAC Chair

1. Within the next week.
b. Communicate with your constituents about Take-Away issues.

c. Our next regular business meeting will be held on April 1 at LCC West.

Closing Roll Call

Aaron Darling performed roll call.

Adjourn

Kara Tiethof moved to adjourn and Donna Case seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 3:11 p.m.