State Advisory Panel

December 11, 2019

Minutes

**Present:**

Cheryl Neiverth

Carrie Woodcock

Jodie Hall

Gwen Sartoris

Brian Cavanaugh   
Nancy Lander

Ann Belanger

Artulean McKenna

Susan Walters

Dulcey Laberge

Libby Stone-Sterling

**1. Open Comment**

A. Brian Cavanaugh – University of Maine at Farmington approved a Special Education Assistive Technology graduate certificate to be offered in the summer. This is a course offered online with a maximum enrollment of 18 students to register per course offering. Brian Cavanaugh and Kevin Good are the contacts for this course.

B. Libby Stone-Sterling – The pilot of the autism step-up program will be continued. Five students participated last year at the 5-week program. This year’s program will start in July at the University of Maine at Orono.

**2. Voting on Bylaws – Ann Belanger, DOE Special Services**

A. PTI Center representative was added as well as term limit guidelines in respects to superintendent regions.

B. There is an overall need for more parent representation across all regions.

C. There was discussion on superintendent region advisory panels.

***Adopted on 12/11/2019***

**3. Voting on OSEP Annual Performance Review Targets – Ann Belanger, DOE Special Services**

A. The last update was made in 2012

B. National targets can be found at <https://osep.grads360.org/#report/apr/publicView>

***Extend for one year***

**4. New Special Education Director applicant, Ann Belanger, DOE Special Services**

A. Susan Walters, Augusta School District

B. Appointment to be determined by Commissioner Pender Makin

**5. Updates on legislation – Ann Belanger, DOE Special Services**

Updates can be found at <http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/>

Passed:

LD 92 – *An Act To Amend Teacher Evaluation Requirements –* Effective 9/1/2021

LD 150 – *An Act To Improve Attendance at Public Elementary Schools* - Passed

LD 151 – *An Act To Align State Law with Current Practice Regarding Required School Attendance* – Must be revised by 1/10/2020

LD 642 – *An Act Regarding Kindergarten Readiness for Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing* – Deadline to submit report by 7/1/2021

LD 651 – *An Act To Facilitate School Access to Federal Title I Funds and Improve the Delivery of Special Education Services* – Deadline to submit report by 1/1/2020.

LD 798 – *An Act To Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements* – Effective 9/1/2021

LD 985 – *An Act To Maintain High School Diploma Standards by Repealing Proficiency-based Diploma Standards* – Effective 9/2019

LD 1010 – *Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop a Model School Disciplinary Policy* – Report due 1/15/2020 to address bullying and cyber-bullying

LD 1370 – *An Act To Address Violent Behavior in the Classroom* – Effective 9/19/2019

LD 1635 – *Resolve, To Improve Access to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services for Children from Birth to 8 Years of Age* – Report due 12/30/2019

Bills that have been carried over:

CDS bill – Reassigning responsibility from CDS to districts

Universal Pre-K

CDS taskforce to review CDS bill

Restraint and Seclusion

**6. Open Comment**

A. There were requests to have Roy Fowler, Director of CDS, present at upcoming meetings.

B. Members requested for Courtney Angelosante to do a presentation regarding PBIS and restorative justice.

C. Sue Nay at DOE updated her flier which will be shared with everyone, regarding alternate assessments

D. Ann Belanger – Millage reimbursement. Vendor codes are needed for members to get reimbursed for attending meetings, so each member much be a registered vendor. Forms were made available and passed around.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 300.