

The Arc Michigan Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2024

The meeting came to order at 10:00 am via Zoom.

Present: Debbie Whitford, Sue Lind, Kenya Harper, Kim Faiman, Kelsey Biswanger, Emily Henderson, Maggie Kolk, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Michelle Driscoll

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from April were previously sent out to committee members and approved with no changes.

Governmental Affairs/Legislative Update:

Emily Henderson, Governmental Affairs Consultant and Lobbyist for Arc Michigan with McCall Hamilton.

General overview House/senate taking steps to negotiate. Took all budgets and sent to floors. Over the next week bills will go to opposite chambers and items sent to conference committees for discussion. Budget timeline is to pass budget by second week of June. No public committees, just stakeholders and legislators. May will update revenues in budget for review and attempt to get done by summer break. Target for budgets to be finalized document by July.

The Senate didn't move to full funding of preschool. Increased special education funding. Discussion on lack of continuing education, per pupil allowance.

School safety bills- a meeting with Representative Kelly Breen is scheduled for May 6th to discuss concerns and provide recommendations for bill language discussed by the education committee She may say that another bill would need to be introduced

Darlene asked about budget recommendations. The House recommended 2.6 billion, Senate recommended 2.7 billion, the same as the Governor. 376 million increase for special education. Darlene asked about where the money was going from the MI lottery. Emily stated that the state gets revenue reports. All of MI lottery profits go into the State School Aid Fund. School. School Aid Fund gets the same amount as other 10 state budget areas. Per pupil language should be the same-only money line will change.

Discussed "boilerplate" - the specific language of the appropriation bill or public act that provides information about the intent and which direct, limit, or restrict line-item expenditures.

Emily will be out of the country for a vacation. Whitney will be the contract if the Education Committee has any questions this month.

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SEAC Report Summary:

Kelsey Biswanger, Arc Michigan SEAC Representative
Legislative Update

Stakeholder Input Indicator 4A Targets

- OSE Program Accountability Unit
- Review of Indicator 4A current methodology and data trends
- Understand Indicator 4A proposed target change and rationale
- Requested SEAC provide input/feedback on the proposed change
 - What resources or supports can the MDE OSE provide Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) and member districts to meet/achieve the target/s?
- Resources:
 - State Performance Plan Part B FFY 2021: [MI-B-SPP-FFY21.pdf - Google Drive](#)
 - Overview of Indicators: [Overview-of-SPP-Indicators-B-4A-and-B-4B.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- 4B, compliance and always set at zero percent
- Indicator 4A: Suspension and Expulsion
 - a results indicator and OSEP allows states flexibility in setting
 - Percent of local educational agencies (LEA) that have a significant discrepancy, as defined by the state
 - Indicator 4A: Michigan's Data Measure
 - Was previously set at 5 percent and is now set at 2.6 percent threshold
 - Now have complete data with the definitions in place and now there are 3/57 ISDs that have significant discrepancy which becomes our new FFY 2023 baseline
 - Now have the opportunity to take a look at resetting our targets
 - Maintain zero or update to be more realistic given 3 districts currently out of compliance and puts as over (5%) the 2.6 percent?

MDE Graduation Rates Updates:

- Statewide graduations rates—rising 10 of the last 12 years
- Efforts in place to help with graduation rates
 - Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring System (EWIMS)
 - Personal Curriculum
 - increase in the use of PCs over the years (1.9% 2017 and 2.7% 2022)

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- Graduation Rate Guidance
- Secondary School Program Expansion
 - Career and Technical Education, Early Middle College, Dual Enrollment, Internal Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement
- Post-Graduation Opportunities Information
 - MDE provides a packet annually who then must share them with students in grades 8-12

OSE Update

- OSE is in the process of developing determinations for the ISDs
- LRE Monitoring Activity launches in the Fall 2024
 - Names will be released early in June (6 ISDs volunteer, 1 Meet Requirements, 1 Needs Assistance, 1 Needs Intervention, and 1 State Agency)
- OSE will release the final documents used for the monitoring process for cohort one (student record review, staff interview questions, description of the parent focus group)

Review Position Statements (for website update) Courtney is updating the website and asked if we could review and update dates on the website.

- Education - Maggie mentioned IDEA is not listed in paragraph #2 with Section 504.
- School Voucher - Michelle to put it on letterhead and update the document by noting a “review date.” Discussion on what school vouchers do.

Additional Business:

- **#1 Child Find**
- **#2 Evaluations**
- Discipline
- Prior Written Notice
- Accommodations (what they can and can't include)
- McKinney Vento
- RTI (Response to Intervention) Vs. 504 Plan
- *Early-on-Natural Environments (Explanation)(Kelsey)*

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The next meeting is Thursday, June 6th from 10:00am-11:30am

Upcoming Monthly Meeting Dates

Jun 6, 2024

August 2024 (If needed)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81104962316?pwd=WFA3eVFoNC92U3JJSFZmcjVzdEd2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 811 0496 2316 / Passcode: 707193

The meeting adjourned at 11:32am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Driscoll for Debbie Whitford