

State Board of Education-Accountability Committee

Ohio Department of Education, SBOE Meeting Room

February 11, 2014

Present: Mike Collins, Stephanie Dodd, Tom Gunlock, C. Todd Jones, Mark Smith, Debe Terhar, Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings

Welcome and Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Chair Gunlock opened the meeting at 8:03 a.m. President Terhar announced that new Board member Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings is now a member of the Accountability Committee. Chair Gunlock asked for approval of the January 13th minutes. Mr. Smith motioned, Mrs. Terhar seconded, and all committee members voted in agreement. Motion passed.

Discussion on Gifted Indicator

Matt Cohen presented a review of the Gifted Indicator, noting that ODE staff prepared the review using only real data that is currently available. Matt also pointed out that, based on Board and committee feedback, staff has now attempted to simplify the indicator, making it easier to compute while ensuring that the system is difficult to manipulate. Board action is needed relating to this indicator, as a range of scores must be established against which “met” and “not met” can be measured.

Ann Sheldon, Executive Director of the Ohio Association for Gifted Children (OAGC), and Dr. Colleen Boyle, OAGC Executive Committee member, presented an alternative plan for the Gifted Indicator. Among their primary suggestions for the Gifted Indicator are to move away from the gifted performance index, move toward the use of a different cut score or the use of above-grade-level testing. Further, OAGC would like to see measures that can look at grade bands for K-3 and high school students, and better efforts in the identification and service of underrepresented populations.

Adrian Allison, representing The Ohio 8 Coalition, spoke briefly before the committee. While acknowledging the complexity of the task, the Ohio 8 Coalition wants the gifted indicator to be something that superintendents can explain to their communities. Mr. Allison appreciates the simpler plan presented at this meeting by ODE staff. He noted that much has been said about how to incentivize gifted services, and explained that in order for districts to be incentivized, they must have the capability and capacity to serve. Mr. Allison will share the information presented today with fellow Ohio 8 Coalition members, and will follow-up with ODE and OAGC in writing.

After much discussion, it was agreed that ODE staff will await direction before determining next steps on the Gifted Indicator.

Discussion on Dropout Recovery Community School Report Card

Joni Hoffman presented on the Dropout Recovery Community School report card. Two additional rules are needed to complete framework. The first rule is around selecting the assessment that will be used for gains. Schools must have a gains score reported on their report card for the 14-15 school year. The second rule is for overall designations for the report cards. Indicators and weights are given in the statute, and the statute also states that an improvement factor must be used. Joni asked committee members to review the handouts distributed in order that decisions can be made at the March SBOE meeting.

Planning for Next Meeting & Timeline for Spring 2014

Tina Thomas-Manning announced that financial data was launched on Friday, February 11th. Additionally, the Gap Closing component included a demotion for districts who did not meet a certain participation/attendance rate. Staff will work to remove attendance from the Gap Closing measure if the USDOE approves.

Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Chair Gunlock called for a motion to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Terhar motioned, Dr. Smith seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.