# State Board of Education-Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes February 11, 2013

# Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) Gap Closing & K-3 Literacy

#### **Welcome and Approval of February 6 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Tom Gunlock welcomed all attendees and called the Accountability Committee meeting to order at 2:58 p.m. The Chairman asked for a motion to accept minutes from the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Williams motioned to accept the minutes and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All Committee members voted to approve the minutes.

#### **Safe Harbor**

Mr. Woolard led the continuing discussion of Safe Harbor. The SBOE must make recommendations to the General Assembly to create a one-year Safe Harbor to exempt districts and schools from sanctions or penalties for the first year of the new PARCC-developed assessments are administered. Mr. Woolard presented options for consideration. After much discussion Mr. Smith motioned, Mrs. Terhar seconded and all Committee members unanimously agreed to accept the option which allows:

- A one-year reprieve from sanctions
- ODE to report the 2014-15 composite grade, including 2014-15 performance index
- If PI Safe Harbor provisions are met, then district or school would be exempt (for one year) from sanctions based on the composite grade or performance index

## **Gap Closing and AMOs**

Mrs. Thomas-Manning facilitated a discussion around Gap Closing and Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs). AMOs are the target proficiency goals for all students in reading and mathematics that are required under NCLB. AMOs are also determined for subgroup (n=30 or more) participation rate, attendance rate and graduation rate. The methodology for calculating the AMO component of the letter grade required under House Bill 555 has already been established in Ohio's ESEA Flexibility Waiver (approved by the U.S. Department of Education on May 29, 2012). The Committee was asked to approve adopting the grading scale that is established in the ESEA waiver. Mr. Jones motioned to approve, Mrs. Terhar seconded and all Committee members voted in agreement. The motion passed.

## **K-3 Literacy Component**

Mrs. Sasheen Philips led the first of many conversations on the K-3 Literacy measure, explaining that all districts and schools must administer a reading diagnostic annually by September 30 to every student in kindergarten through grade three. While no final decisions are needed now, later this year the committee will be asked to choose the actual measure for K-3 Literacy and set the grade benchmarks.

### **Communications Update**

Mrs. Thomas-Manning reviewed screenshots of the LRC pages on ODE's website. She advised that a new email inbox is open for public feedback, and the Local Report Card (LRC) page is revised weekly with updates from the Accountability Committee meetings, examples of the LRC design, and more. A survey will be distributed to targeted audiences at the end of the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **LRC Design Update**

Mrs. Juillerat gave a quick update on the LRC design, saying exploratory meetings are being scheduled with vendors who are experts in data visualization. There will be more information in regard to design in future Accountability Committee meetings.

# **Preparing for Next Meeting**

Next week the Committee will discuss the Dropout Recovery Report Card and Value-Added growth component at the building and district level.

# Adjournment

Chair Gunlock called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith motioned, Mrs. Dodd seconded and the Committee voted to adjourn at 4:03~p.m.