

**State Board of Education-Accountability Committee**  
**February 20, 2013**  
**Agenda Topics: Progress & DRRC**

**Call to Order & Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chair Gunlock called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with a welcome to all. Mrs. Dodd motioned to approve minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Collins seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement. The motion passed.

**Review of Decisions from February 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Gap Closing)**

Mrs. Thomas-Manning presented graphs outlining Committee decisions made to-date. Thus far, the Committee has made decisions around the Achievement Component, the Graduation Rate Component, and the Gap Closing Component. She asked for specific attention to the distribution the number of As, Bs and Fs in the Gap Closing measure relative to the distribution of those grades in other measures. The decision made around Gap Closing is clearly inconsistent with the decisions made around Achievement and Graduation Rate. The goal of the Committee should be to create a high-rigor – but doable – situation for schools and districts. If left as-is, one in four districts will get an F in Gap Closing. The Committee reviewed options for changing the Gap Closing decision and engaged in a lengthy discussion. The Committee ultimately requested to see an additional simulations that do not factor in any demotions. Additionally, the Committee agreed with Michael Sawyers' offer to request a phone conference with the USDoE in order to gain more insight and help inform the Gap Closing decision. Michael Sawyers' office will facilitate this request.

**Value-Added & Review of Measure**

Mr. Cohen reviewed Value-Added, explaining that while there are no choices or decisions immediately required, it is helpful to understand why we see the distributions that we have. The measurement of Value-Added is a measure of tendencies over time, and it is a statistical measure with very specific properties. In looking at Value-Added, we are looking at the effectiveness of a school, a district or a teacher in moving kids forward, not the measure of the growth of an individual student. We are not just measuring all students; we are measuring sub-groups. Mr. Cohen will bring to the Committee alternatives showing data on the lowest performing group and prior year data.

**Review Dropout Recovery Report Card**

Mrs. Shibley explained that the charge from HB 555 is to prescribe the performance levels and benchmarks for three indicators – graduation rates, high school assessment passage rates, and the annual measurable objectives. The graduation rate will be calculated the same way as it is for the LRC but for more cohorts (4 – 8 year rates). The high school assessment used will be the same one used for all other students, and the AMO is the same indicator as for the LRC in terms of targets. The set of rules must be filed by April of 2013, meaning decisions must be made by the March 12<sup>th</sup> SBOE meeting. The definition of a Dropout Prevention and Recovery School is very vague. It is recommended that an operational definition is put into place in the rules in order to guard against any school identifying itself as a Dropout Prevention and Recovery School in order to avoid the LRC rigor. Mrs. Shibley reviewed data and summaries of what other states have put into place. Mrs. Terhar asked for further examples by numbers of students, and Chair Gunlock requested a breakdown by school. Mrs. Shibley's team will return to the Committee on February 27<sup>th</sup> with these materials.

**Communications Update**

Mr. Woolard gave a Communications update, reviewing a timeline document and explaining that focus groups will be convened with an external facilitator to review a mockup of the LRC design. Feedback will be gathered and a report will be presented to the full Board at the April meeting.

**LRC Design Status/Update**

Mrs. Juillerat explained that ODE staff have met with vendors, and based on availability and timeframes, it is recommended that the LRC process moves forward with the design firm already on contract, Micro Strategies and an external SharePoint site. Additional ODE staff will be put in place to work on the design, as well.

**Planning for Next Meeting**

The Prepared for Success component will be reviewed next week, although no decision is needed around that measure. Additionally, all data requests from this meeting will be presented and reviewed.

**Closing Comments and Adjournment**

Chair Gunlock advised that the Committee will present to the full Board in March. Mrs. Terhar motioned to adjourn and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.