

State Board of Education-Accountability Committee February 27, 2013

Value-Added, Gap Closing, Safe Harbor, and Dropout Recovery Report Card

Welcome & Approval of Minutes from February 20th Meeting

Chair Gunlock called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20th meeting. Mrs. Terhar motioned, Mrs. Dodd seconded the motion and all committee members voted to approve.

Finalize Decision on Grade Scale for Gap Closing

Mrs. Thomas-Manning explained that on February 26th, ODE staff and Accountability Committee member Dodd spoke with representatives at the U.S. Department of Education about grade ranges for the Gap Closing measure. Mrs. Thomas-Manning and Mrs. Dodd reported that the conversation was informative and very supportive of the committee's work to-date. It was determined that the committee can designate grade ranges for this measure that are different from those proposed in Ohio's ESEA flexibility waiver. Committee members reviewed the simulations and discussed pros and cons of keeping the same grade ranges for the Gap Closing measure that were outlined in the waiver, ultimately deciding to do so. The final grade scales for this measure are:

- A = 90% - 100%
- B = 80% - 89.9%
- C = 70% - 79.9%
- D = 60% - 69.9%
- F = Less than 60%

Reintroduction of Safe Harbor

Mr. Duff presented on Safe Harbor, reiterating that the State Board of Education is charged in H.B. 555 to make recommendations around this measure to the General Assembly by March 30th, 2013. During the February 11th meeting of the Accountability Committee, various proposals were presented for consideration as these legislative recommendations are created. As requested, ODE staff brought forth new data on the proposal the committee indicated, which would exempt nearly all schools and districts from all sanctions. Mr. Duff offered three options for consideration: 1) Recommend no Safe Harbor; 2) Modify the performance index measure; and 3) Show the Safe Harbor performance index *and* the overall grade. After a review of the implications of the initial proposal, Mr. Jones motioned, Mrs. Terhar seconded, and all committee members voted to approve "Option 3":

Safe Harbor Performance Index and Overall Grade

- This option bases sanctions on actual performance while still giving leniency for a drop in PI grade.
- This option will:
 - Report 2014-2015 overall grade, including 2014-2015 PI grade, so the school is accountable to the public for its performance.

- If safe harbor is met, sanctions are determined by the previous year's PI grade and an overall grade calculated using the previous year's PI grade.
- These safe harbor grades may be included on the LRC prominently or only in the specifics dealing with sanctions – it is up to the committee.
- Sanctions will still apply to schools that receive safe harbor grades of "D" or "F".

Dropout Recovery Report Card

Dr. Shibley explained that a Dropout Recovery Report Card rule is needed by June 30th, which means the full State Board of Education will need to vote on this in the March 2013 meeting.

Dr. Shibley reviewed last week's discussion and the committee considered the definition of Dropout Prevention and Recovery schools and rating benchmarks for those schools' report cards. After reviewing several options, including rating benchmarks from another state, members of the committee expressed concern about selecting benchmarks for the indicators at this time. The committee was concerned that there were not enough data to make informed decisions on rating benchmarks and that the benchmarks should be designated at a future date when such data are available. Mr. Jones motioned, Mrs. Terhar seconded the motion, and all committee members voted in agreement to table the decisions until next week and charged ODE staff to clarify the intent of the law regarding the deadline to adopt rules.

Wrap-Up & Adjourn

Chair Gunlock asked that each committee member present on one report card component to SBOE in March. Chair Gunlock will give an overview of the entire Local Report Card. He assigned the other components as follows:

Jones – Gap Closing

Collins – Achievement

Williams – Growth

Dodd – Graduation Rate

Terhar – Prep for Success

Gunlock – K-3 Literacy (for Dr. Smith who will not attend the March Board meeting)

Adjournment

Mr. Collins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, all members voted in agreement. Chair Gunlock adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.