



STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL MEETING Minutes – April 25, 2024

8:30 Chairperson Jennifer Schoffer-Closson called the meeting to order and led introductions.

Members Present: Cindy Galbavy, Dr. Jennifer Schoffer Closson, Norah Barney, Deva McNiven, Theresa Baldry, Lisa Fant, Marisa Britton-Bostwick, Rebekah Serrine, Vena Dagnall, Mildred (Millie) Armstrong, Christina Petersen

Members Not Present: Brandi Loch, Michael Peck, Vicki Lang, Chad Berg, Christa Gabriel, Vicki Langlinais, Sandy Cade.

Staff Present: Danni McCarthy, Ty House, John Gorton,

Public Present: None

Approve the Proposed Agenda with removal of 2nd public comment— (Action Item)

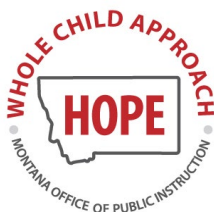
Proposed: Millie Armstrong
2nd: Lisa Fant
Approved: Yes

Approve the Proposed Agenda with additional time added for panel— (Action Item)

Proposed: Theresa Baldry
2nd: Deva McNiven
Approved: Yes

Approve the Proposed Agenda with all changes— (Action Item)

Proposed: Christina Petersen
2nd: Rebekah Serrine
Approved: Yes



Panel Members gave updates and made comments

8:45 Public Comment - No comments

Review/Approve Minutes of March 2024 (Action Item)

Proposed: Norah Barney

2nd: Cindy Galbavy

Approved: Yes

Mandi Gibbs, Early Assistance Program Director, presented on dispute resolution.

Danni McCarthy presented on the Annual Application/Budget. Jennifer Schoffer Closson requested the OPI look at an increase in SLP tuition support, line-item J of the budget. Danni will look at school Psychology tuition support rates to compare.

Adding TOD(teacher of deaf), TVI(Teacher of the Visually Impaired) to the IEP as a consideration was brought up by the Panel.

Outreach with State Prisons with active MSDB training programs was proposed.

10:38-10:53 Break

Discussions of changing the dates of the Spring meeting in 2025 and setting the dates for the rest of the year occurred.

- September 26, 2024
- January 9, 2025
- March 6, 2025
- April 9-10, 2025

Meeting Dates 24-25 Approval (Action Item)

- Proposed: Norah Barney
- 2nd: Theresa Baldry
- Approved: Yes

The Panel discussed the 3-year term and how many Panel members are parents of SWD that will be leaving.

Cindy Galbavy approved for 2nd 3-year term (Action Item)

- Proposed: Millie Armstrong
- 2nd: Jennifer Schoffer Closson
- Approved: Yes

Jennifer approved for 2nd 3-year term (Action Item)

- Proposed: Nora Barney
- 2nd: Deva McNiven
- Approved: Yes

Christa approved for 2nd 3-year term (Action Item)

- Proposed: Theresa Baldry
- 2nd: Rebekah Serrine
- Approved: Yes

Deva approved for 2nd 3-year term (Action Item)

- Proposed: Rebekah Serrine
- 2nd: Christina Petersen
- Approved: Yes

Requests for nominations for a Student Representative were made. Panel members will reach out to the OPI Sped Director, Danni McCarthy with nominations.

Per the By-Laws Vena Dagnall will take over the role of Chair.

Vice Chair Nominations: Deva McNiven

Vice Chair Election (Action Item)

- Proposed: Marissa Britton-Bostwick
- 2nd: Lisa Fant
- Approved: Yes

Secretary Nominations: Lisa

Secretary Election (Action Item)

- Proposed: Cindy Galbavy
- 2nd: Theresa Baldry
- Approved: Yes

Panel Work groups made presentations of their findings and work. The Panel discussed and approved the continuation of work groups among the Panel to provide better recommendations to the OPI to bring to the legislature.

Jennifer thanked the Panel and welcomed Vena as the New Chair.

Motion to adjourn meeting (Action Item)

- Proposed: Christina Petersen
- 2nd: Cindy Galbavy

- Approved: Yes

12:30

Adjourn (Action Item)