



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Legislative Committee

Thursday, December 12, 2024

******* 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

******* Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Livestream Viewing:

<https://youtube.com/live/vlBV5g7zbqo?feature=share>

Meeting Minutes

SAC Members Present: Jeff Spahr (Legislative Chair), Jennifer Lussier, Ana Witting, Dimpy Malvania, Rep. State Rep. Robin Comey, Bryan Klimkiewicz (CSDE)

SAC Members Absent: Susan Yankee, Goviana Morales, Sean Cronin (CSDE)

SERC Administration: Holli Ryan

I. Call to Order: 10:03 am

Public Comment: No Public Comment

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.

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II. Consent Agenda:

III. Committee Matters: 10:05 am

- a. Schedule 2025 legislative meetings – Legislative session starts Jan 8, 2025. First SAC Legislative Committee meeting is on Zoom meeting to be scheduled for Jan. 16, 2025, at 9:30 am - 10:30 am & second Zoom meeting to be scheduled for Jan. 23, 2025, at 9:30 am – 10:30 am.
- b. Discussion of Ad Hoc School Safety in Emergencies suggested statute amendments- General Statutes Section 10-222m provides for each District to develop and implement a school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board. This would be reviewed annually and updated as needed. Also, Boards are to create school security and safety committees that shall assist in the development of the school security and safety plan as well as the administration of such plan. Each school security and safety committee shall consist of a local police officer, a local first responder, a teacher and an administrator employed at the school, a

mental health professional, as defined in section 10-76t, a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school and any other person the board of education deems necessary. It is SAC's goal to ensure that these Committees consider the special needs and required accommodations that the special ed students and those students with disabilities might need to participate fully and safely in any security and safety drills or events. SAC members advocated for a representative of the district's special education department should be part of the process to develop school security and safety plans. Discussion continued on these considerations when developing the IEP and discussion during the PPT meetings.

- c. Discussion on LOB Breakfast-invite letter to Legislatures- Jan. 22, 2025– LOB dining room with a snow date of Feb. 26, 2025.

IV. Action Items:

- a. Send out LOB breakfast flyer/letter before and after holiday break to members of SAC so they can email it out to their prospective attendees.
- b. State Rep. Comey revise the flyer from last year
- c. Susan/Jeff revise the email letter from last year

V. Adjourn: 10:53 am, Jennifer Lussier motions to adjourn, Susan Yankee seconds, vote unanimous in favor

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