

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Region 14 Special Education Committee was held on Monday, October 18, 2010 in the Region 14 Central Office Conference Room, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Linda Bulvanowski, Board Chairman Stephen Sordi and Committee Chair Pamela Zmek.

The following members of the Region 14 Administration were present: Dr. Robert Cronin, Superintendent and Kimberly Culkin, Director of Special Services.

Also in attendance were several members of SEPTA and the public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Pamela Zmek.

Following an introduction and welcome to the Region's new Director of Special Services, Kimberly Culkin, the following matters were discussed:

- Establishment of an oversight panel to assess cases when out-of-district service providers are recommended. Dr. Cronin has worked with this type of panel in a previous district, and found it to be effective. The purpose would be to provide oversight and to apprise the Board of such cases, rather than to make recommendations. Dr. Cronin and Ms. Culkin will submit a draft protocol at the November meeting of the Special Education Committee.
- A review of the Region's Special Education program. Sample reports by various agencies on behalf of other districts were compared and it was determined that any agency conducting such an evaluation would have to be provided very targeted questions specific to this Region. In conjunction with this evaluation, Ms. Culkin would continue with her evaluation of the Department's current staffing and programming. The issue was set aside until the November meeting.
- Ms. Culkin reported that she has met with team leaders, paraprofessionals, related service providers, parents and members of SEPTA since coming on board and has established regularly scheduled meetings with each group. In addition, she will be facilitating a staff workshop on Monday, October 25th given by Attorney Santiago of Shipman and Goodwin. She will also present mini-workshops at future Committee meetings covering various issues, such as special education law and pending legislation.
- The next meeting of the Special Education Committee will take place on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Lmek

Special Education Committee Chair
Region 14 Board of Education