

## **Board of Education Special Education Committee**

January 15, 2026

Time 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Board of Education Room

### *Minutes*

**Present:** B. Bass, P. Sullivan-Nunes, S. Kaplan, S. Grosso, D. Stinchcomb, K. Slentz  
*The committee convened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.*

#### **1. Framing the work**

*Committee*

- a. Review and approval of agenda

*The committee approved the agenda.*

#### **2. Updates and Recommendations**

*Administration*

- a. Student updates

- i. In-district students

*S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the status of our 8:1:1 class at Springhurst and changes to student profiles.*

*They also provided an update on students who have returned to the district from out-of-district placements.*

- ii. Out-of-district students

1. Current status

2. Budgeted vs actual

*S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the status of our students with disabilities who are placed in programs outside of the district. We are currently under budget in this area, although they cautioned that there are other students under consideration for different placements.*

3. Projections for 2026-27

*S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the projections for next year. This currently includes three students who will turn 22 during the school year. These students will be in out-of-district placements.*

- iii. Due process status

*K. Slentz updated the board in executive session at the last board meeting.*

- b. Referral status

*S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the status of referrals, noting that we are currently at 29 for the year. This is higher than in previous years. They also noted that this requires psychologists*

*to conduct an extensive amount of initial testing while balancing reevaluations and counseling services during the day.*

**3. Discussion Items**

a. Staffing and program changes

i. 2025-26

ii. 2026-27

*S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the projections for new staff needs, including an elementary special education teacher, and possibly a part-time psychologist.*

**4. Next Meeting Date**

Committee

a. February 26, 2026

i. Mid-year student data

1. Academic performance

2. Attendance

**5. Adjourn**

Committee

*The committee adjourned the meeting at 4:54 pm.*