

Board of Education Special Education Committee

February 26, 2026

Time 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Board of Education Room

Minutes

Present: B. Bass, P. Sullivan-Nunes, S. Kaplan, S. Grosso, K. Slentz

The committee convened the meeting at 3:30 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
 - ii. Out-of-district students
 - iii. Due process status

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso provided a brief report on the status of students in various programs and highlighted the success of many of them. They updated the committee on the status of a due process complaint and the anticipated next steps.

- b. Referral status

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the ongoing increases in referrals this year, both from building committees and parents. The increase is placing a high demand on school psychologists with testing requirements. S. Kaplan and S. Grosso are seeing an increase in the number of students who are determined by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) to be ineligible for services.

- c. Least restrictive environment and CSE outcomes

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the decrease in services needed by a number of our students as the district continues to strengthen our programs and instruction.

3. Discussion Items

- a. CDOS Graduation Pathway

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on a framework that they developed to guide school counselors and administrators through the process of securing a Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) certificate for some of our students with disabilities and to build knowledge on how this certificate can also apply to

general education students. The framework will strengthen our work-based learning opportunities for students who need to complete 216 documented hours in accordance with the requirements of the NYS Education Department.

b. SPP Indicator 8 results

S. Kaplan and S. Grosso updated the committee on the State Performance Plan Indicator 8: Parent Involvement report from the NYS Education Department. The district exceeded the requirements of the Indicator, and survey results indicate that the majority of parents/guardians agree, strongly agree, or very strongly agree with the quality of services and faculty/administrator interactions that they are experiencing.

c. Review of board report

The committee discussed the protocol for reviewing board reports from the CSE/CPSE and how administrators can improve upon/clarify the services provided to students and any associated changes. K. Slentz will update the protocol and share it with the committee for review.

4. **Next Meeting Date**

Committee

a. March 12, 2026

5. **Adjourn**

Committee

The committee adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.