

# Iowa Dyslexia Board - Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2026 - 10:00 am-2:30 pm

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Meeting minutes taken by Megan Hunemuller

**Present:** Wanda Steuri, Tammy Wilgenbusch, Lindsay Harrison, Kody Asmus, Megan Hunemuller, Bambi Boggs, James Northwick, Kristen Craig, Katie Greving, Katy Severe, Tina Wahlert

**Virtually:** Katryn Dougherty, John Speer, Michelle Geistkemper, Shane Williams

**Absent:** Nina Lorimor-Easley, Tom Wood, Jill White

**Guests:** 1 virtual guest

## Welcome / Public Comment

1. Meeting called to order
  - a. Shane Williams at 10:02
2. Public Comment
  - a. None

## Meeting Procedures - Shane Williams

1. Approve Agenda
  - a. Motion moved by Katryn, seconded by James to approve today's agenda. Unanimously approved.
2. Approve December 2025 Minutes
  - a. Motion moved by Megan with minor adjustment to the closing remarks, seconded by Tammy to approve December minutes. Unanimously approved.
3. Board member announcements and updates
  - a. Tammy shared that IDA - Iowa has a new president.
  - b. Wanda shared that she is on the IDA - Iowa board. She went through training to present on Dyslexia 101.
  - c. Katy shared that at Grandview they just recently received a new scholarship opportunity geared towards Dyslexia Endorsees as well as Reading Endorsees.
  - d. Katy shared that their new May cohort is at 12 registrants right now with more individuals showing interest.
  - e. Katie shared about Decoding Dyslexia of Iowa's (DDIA) parent groups around the state.
  - f. Katie shared that she is stepping down as the Executive Director of DDIA as of June 30th.
  - g. Katie expressed she was thankful for the FORT Assessment results.

## **Department of Education Updates - Wanda Steuri**

1. Wanda shared that 164 public school districts in Iowa utilized the new Reading Assistant (AMIRA), along with 26 non public schools.
2. Wanda gave an update on the CLSD Grant and the training that goes along with it. Tina shared that the goal is that over the next 2 years every district in Iowa will go through this training.
3. Wanda shared that we are approaching the next open registration of LETRS training. There are 400 licenses available and 110 have been spoken for. Over 6100 educators have signed up for the Iowa LETRS training.
  - a. Wanda has been asked about providing a LETRS PLC Guide. This is becoming available to district cohorts only as it is proprietary information that cannot be posted.
4. Wanda shared that the literacy team within the IA DOE presented virtually to the CCSSO (Chief Council of School Officers). The CCSSO is composed of state leaders across the USA. The presentation brought a lot of positive feedback regarding how Iowa is progressing with literacy.
5. Wanda shared that the Bureau of Academic and Learner Supports shared family guides online to help families understand the standards.
6. Wanda shared that there will be some dyslexia updates coming out regarding the professional learning plan and HF890 (Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Stipend).
7. Wanda shared about upcoming support she and the literacy team will be offering in regard to Iowa Assessments, a presentation at the POPS YS Conference, working through updates on the literacy webpages, coordinating and attending CLSD on-site visits, updating evidence-based practice guides, and attending the Plain Talk conference.

## **Iowa Reading Research Center Updates and Scope of Work - John Speer**

1. John gave an update on the Summit. They have 200 registrants so far. They are hoping to reach 600 registrants.
2. John shared that they are working on three main projects during the spring and summer:
  - a. Caregiver Support - lessons, activities, etc. to help with letter sound acquisition for parents.
  - b. Middle School Morphology - lessons, videos, materials, etc. to help MS teachers and students learn about morphology.
  - c. Summer Reading Opportunities - The center is exploring two different ideas: one would be designed for anyone to work with students and the other would be more comprehensive for schools to offer to their students (planning to utilize summer of 2027).
3. John shared about the IRRC's 2027 planning goals:
  - a. Technical Assistance/PD
  - b. Maintenance/Enhancement
  - c. Innovation/Development

### **Iowa Dyslexia Professional Learning Plan - Reading Acquisition - Wanda Steuri**

1. We individually read through the Dyslexia Professional Learning Plan - Reading Acquisition Facilitator's Guide to become familiar with it.
2. During our working lunch, Wanda went through her slide show meant for facilitators of this professional learning plan. We provided feedback to her as she finalizes the development.

### **FORT Assessment Results - Lindsay Harrison and Maryam Rod Szabo**

1. Lindsay and Maryam presented on the Foundations of Reading Test (FORT). They shared what it is and the results they have received from January - June 2025. They also shared how they are using the results and some follow-up requests they can suggest to higher education institutions.

### **Action Teams**

1. Our board came up with three action ideas during our last meeting. Wanda would like us to break these items into three teams. We were asked to consider the 3 options and put our name down on a team in the folder that we are interested in helping with.

### **Closing Remarks / Meeting Adjourned**

1. Tammy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:30. Bambi seconded. Motion carried unanimously.