

Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

October 11, 2022

Members Present: Patty Lansink, Josh Bowar, Brian L’Heureux, Donna Bishop

Others in Attendance: Kim Buryanek, Holly Barnes, Cathy Walz, Courtney Clement, Rachel Bosovich, Tom Chapman, Susan Selby

Agenda Item	Person	Resources	Notes
1. Welcome and Review Agenda	Kim Buryanek		Reviewed the agenda. No additions were made at this time.
2. Chair for 2022-2023	Kim Buryanek		Patty will be chair for the 2022-23 school year.
3. Department of Education Contacts	Kim Buryanek		<p>Introductions of attendees. Kim introduced herself as the new advisory committee designee. She joins the Iowa Department of Education (Department) from Sioux City. The other, veteran advisory committee members introduced themselves. Kim noted that the advisory committee is short one member. She has reached out to the Governor’s office, and will report back when she hears more.</p> <p>Introduction of Holly Barnes, Nonpublic Liaison, Bureau of School Improvement. Holly is the first point of contact for questions and comments related to nonpublic schools.</p> <p>Introduction of Rachel Bosovich, Ombudsman. Rachel described her role as Ombudsman. She will help with equitable share for nonpublic schools, and will participate in the advisory committee as a neutral party.</p>

<p>4. Task Force for SF2197</p>	<p>Rachel Bosovich Kim Buryanek</p>		<p>Kim noted the Task Force for Special Education Support for Students at Nonpublic Schools (SF 2197) had its first meeting, and that Rachel would attend that and future meetings. Rachel updated the advisory committee regarding the meeting that was held on the September 22, 2022. The goal was to identify issue statements, and the issues schools consistently face. The task force is a mix of public and nonpublic representatives, including parents whose children have special needs and attend nonpublic schools. The meeting also included two outside facilitators. The group discussed what other states do, and strategies that have worked for some schools. Placement was a point of discussion. Speech services and Title I services were discussed as positives, as were transportation solutions/collaborations between some school districts and nonpublic schools. The group discussed how some nonpublic schools share Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) responsibilities successfully.</p> <p>Rachel reported the task force discussed issues related to rural areas, and how to collaborate on potential recommendations. The next task force meeting will be held virtually on October 21. There will be one final meeting on November 9. The task force must submit a report to the legislature by December 1. The nonpublic advisory committee's next meeting is December 13. Rachel and Josh will share the recommendations with the advisory committee at that time.</p>
<p>5. Conditions for Learning Survey</p>	<p>Courtney Clement</p>		<p>The Conditions for Learning (CfL) Survey has been sent to public schools for years, and nonpublic schools have been requesting a similar survey. Courtney has been involved in the survey since 2018, the first year it went statewide. She manages the logistics, and other team members work with the data. Courtney shared a slide presentation on the survey. There was discussion throughout the presentation regarding the data that was shared.</p> <p>There has been interest from several nonpublic schools in providing this survey to their students. There was discussion about how student responses are kept confidential/anonymous for the online survey. Staff and parents can also anonymously participate in the survey. Area education agencies (AEAs) are working with school districts on improving student supports based on the data. The advisory committee discussed how to possibly implement the survey in a nonpublic context.</p>

			<p>The advisory committee members will take this information back to their constituents to discuss whether they would be interested in providing the survey to their students, staff and parents.</p>
6. EANS	Susan Selby		<p>Susan delivered an update on the status of the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) federal relief funding guidance. A document was shared with the advisory committee on the options for Disposition of EANS property. Ownership could be transferred to school districts or remain with the state, with nonpublic schools continuing to use the equipment under either plan. The advisory committee discussed the options. The Department’s legal team will research the advisory committee’s preference for disposition among the listed options, and how to move ahead. The advisory committee agreed that option one would be the best approach, transferring ownership of property to local school districts.</p> <p>There will be a reallocation as well, due to two school closures. Unused funds must be returned to the governor’s office. Susan will be calling nonpublic administrators to follow-up on their plans for the allocations. EANS I/Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund expires September 30, 2022, and EANS II expires on September 30, 2023. Orders are sent to Iowa AEA (IAAEA), and IAAEA transfers funds to the selected vendors for funds to be considered “spent.” Susan will send federal funding balances to nonpublic schools.</p>
7. Title Allocations	Patty Lansink		<p>Title allocations are currently listed. There was an allocation readjustment on October 1, which should be repopulated. It was updated in the Consolidated Accountability and Support Application (CASA) as of yesterday.</p> <p>Iowa received just under \$6 million in Title IV-A funds through a Bipartisan Safer Communities Act 2022 for school safety. Kim reported that the Department is currently working on its application for these funds and schools will be made aware of when the application (a competitive grant) becomes available, potentially not until spring 2023.</p> <p>There was discussion of the governor’s school safety audit. Some schools did locally-provided services, others opted for third-party services offered through the state. Project eligibility is based on audit results. Those interested in obtaining funding must fill out a vulnerability assessment through TetraTech. They hope to have assessments</p>

			completed statewide by the end of the school year. Funds are awarded by building.
8. Next Steps			The next meeting is December 13, 2022. Legislative priorities will also be discussed at the December meeting.

2022-2023 Nonpublic Advisory Meetings

- December 13, 2022
- February 14, 2023
- May 9, 2023