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Meeting Logistics & Desired Outcomes

MEETING:	Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee Review Meeting
DATE & TIME:	August 31, 2021, 2:00-5:00
LOCATION:	Zoom
MEETING LEAD:	Jon Paul Burden, Paul Foster
MEETING PARTICIPANTS: <i>(Who most needs to attend?)</i>	Sarah Belleau, Moira Blake, Kim Boylan, Jon Paul Burden, Tamara Durbin, Paul Foster, Samantha Gallagher, Vicki Graham, Tamara Johnson, Gina Lanier, Sandy Malouff, Carolena Steen, Lynnette Steinhoff, Callan Ware
MEETING OBJECTIVES: <i>(Is a meeting necessary to accomplish the objectives?)</i>	Evaluation of 2021 high cost process, SEFAC Legislative Report, filling committee vacancies

Agenda Items and Next Steps

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2:00-2:10	Announcements/public comment period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements (none) 3 minutes per person who has requested to speak to the committee, no later than 24 hours prior, by emailing Kim Boylan, boylan_k@cde.state.co.us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No member of the public requested to address the committee.
2:10	Enter Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chairman announced intent to enter Executive Session following public comment period. 2/3 Committee vote to begin Executive Session. Committee unanimously approved.
2:15	Committee vacancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwest Region Special Education Director (formerly Nita McAuliffe). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tammy Johnson will send a list of directors from the Outback region to Committee Chair to share with the BOCES Consortium for a potential candidate.
2:25	District settlement question: discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chair received a question regarding OOD reimbursement for a potential settlement. If there is an IEP and they can show the costs, they can apply. As part of the settlement, the parents are requesting that the district put over \$400k in a trust that would draw against the costs. Having a third party involved could potentially create challenges to tracking those costs. Therefore, the Committee Chair advised this AU that they should not put the funds into a trust. There is time for the AU to figure this out, and what the potential could be for reimbursement from the high cost grant. Legal costs are not reimbursable. Right now, the committee wouldn't even know if a high cost application would be the result of a settlement.
2:45	High Cost process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of 2021 high cost process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition cost rates – the high cost application instructions need to be amended to further explain what's included and what is excluded (which services, indirect

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		<p>costs). Invite Judy Stirman and Lauren Rossini to September 15, 2021 meeting to further explain Facility Schools' tuition cost rate setting procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide guidance on how to calculate and report transportation costs, costs for consumables, and upgrades to buildings. ○ Provide some guidance for allowable costs during remote learning. ○ Include a statement on the application for directors to acknowledge proper use of funds (ESSER, ARP, etc.). ○ Statement to acknowledge true attendance and costs still incurred. ○ It would be helpful to have a high cost presentation at the Special Education Directors' meeting. ○ Schedule the technical assistance webinars to coincide with the release of the applications in November, December 2021. ○ The committee wants to review the applications in-person in April, 2022. Will plan for in-person at 1560 Broadway, 19th floor conference room, and have a contingency plan to meet remotely, depending on Covid restrictions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee discussion of Covid 19's impact on the number of applications received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lower number of OOD applications received last year, but there were more IAU applications, most likely related to closures of Facility Schools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee should look at trends of applications received and closures of Facility Schools to see if there is a link, and if this can be expected going forward.
3:45	Legislative Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Committee will address the drop of students with IEPs from last December 1 count to the most recent count, most likely due to Covid in the new report.
4:55	Good of the order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee Chairman announced the end of Executive Session. Unanimous committee vote. ● Committee Chairman announced meeting adjournment. Unanimous committee vote. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting, September 15, 2021, 2:00 pm.