

**CALUMET COUNTY
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION BOARD**

Wed., March 17th, 10:00 AM

Zoom Meeting (link sent to CDEB Members)

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Meeting ID: 861 8920 0444

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. Approval of December 16th, 2020 Minutes.
6. Public Participation (If requested by the Committee Chair).
7. Report of Committee Members (list items for action).
 - A.
8. Communications.
9. Items for Action or Discussion
 - A. Approval of the 2021/22 CDEB Budget
10. Report of Departments. (List items for action)
 - A. Director of Special Education Report.
 - a) Tiffany Hacker, CESA 7 AEM Specialist on the use of Text to speech in the Calumet County schools
 - b) DPI Update: (1) Leadership Conference on 2/16/21
(2) U.S. Dep. of Ed on Statewide Assessments
 - c) Status of the 5 CDEB Schools' Instructional Modalities
 - d) Update on the development of the WCASS Guide: *How to Provide Students with IEPs Access to their Curriculum*
 - e) The 2021/2022 proposed CDEB budget
 - f) Resources.
 - B. CESA #7 Administrator's Report.
12. Set next meeting date.
13. Adjournment.

Nissan B. Bar-Lev

Director of Special Education
CESA 7

So as not to disturb the meeting, all cell phones must be placed on vibrate and all calls taken outside the meeting room.

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation, should contact Nissan Bar-Lev @ 414-460-4777 at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time so appropriate arrangements can be made.

This is a public meeting. As such, all members or a majority of the members of the County Board may be in attendance. While a majority of the County Board members, or the majority of any given County Board Committee may be present, only the above committee will take official action based on the above agenda.

**CALUMET COUNTY CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
EDUCATION BOARD MINUTES**

MEETING - DATE: December 16, 2020 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Chairperson	X	Judith Hartl
	Vice-Chair	X	Mary Schwalenberg
		X	Kenneth Irwin
		X	Tom Jones
		X	Sherlyn Kees
	Recording Secretary	X	Candy Stecker

Also Present:	Director of Special Education	X	Nissan Bar-Lev
	CESA #7 Administrator	X	Jeffrey Dickert
	Chairperson-County Board of Supervisors		Alice Connors
	County Administrator		Todd Romenesko

Others: Sean O'Fallon, Brillion High School Special Ed. Teacher

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Nissan Bar-Lev.

The meeting was properly announced and called to order by Chairperson Judith Hartl.

Moved by Mary Schwalenberg and seconded by Ken Irwin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mary Schwalenberg and seconded by Ken Irwin to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting. Minutes were approved as amended and motion carried unanimously.

Communications: None

I. Director's Report.

A. Dr. Bar-Lev introduced Sean O'Fallon, Special Education teacher at Brillion High School. Sean shared with the board his previous educational background and work experience prior to being hired by CESA #7. Sean also shared the many challenges he is faced with on a daily basis dealing with life skills and transitioning students into the community during a pandemic.

B. DPI Update:

1. Dr. Bar-Lev shared with the board an e-mail from DPI Learning Support that went to all school district administrators to update them on the special education requirements as they respond to COVID-19.
2. Risk Dashboard. Several virtual graphs were shared that show COVID-19 prevalence rate.

3. Dr. Bar-Lev shared with the board the December 1st Seclusion and Restraint Report that school districts post on the DPI portal. CDEB schools show a decline in the use of seclusion & restraints.
 4. Dr. Bar-Lev shared the DPI 2021-23 Biennial Budget which shows continuing support by DPI for the CDEBs Funding.
- C. **CDEB Schools Learning Modalities:**
A handout was shared showing the Calumet County School District Learning Modalities. A discussion was lead by Mr. Dickert on the overall view of CESA #7 school districts and their instructional modalities since school started in the Fall.
- D. **Staff Video:**
A video was shared with the Board that was prepared by a CESA #7 teacher for the visually impaired, The teacher described her challenges during the pandemic as she provides virtual instruction to visually impaired students. She is so proud of her students as they are doing very well during these challenging times.
- E. **Update on WCASS Guide:**
Nissan provided the Board with an update on the WCASS Guide on Providing Students with IEPs Accessibility to the Printed Page. Discussed the reading instruction versus text to speech. Goal is to have completed by March 2021 and distributed.
- F. **WASB Panel Presentation:**
Nissan shared with the Board that seven (7) of the CESA 7 small school districts will serve on a panel to share at the January 2021 WASB Convention how special education is being provided in their districts during COVID-19. This will be recorded and made available at the WASB website.
- G. **Resources:**
1. "Remote Learning" and the importance of addressing the digital divide, support teachers, rethink the use of time and the importance of building teacher-student relationships.
 2. "Why Special Education Advocates are Hopeful about the Biden Administration", include full federal funding and IDEA 2004 Reauthorization.
 3. "Challenges of Special Education Assessments During Remote Learning", including the referral process and the distractions at home during tests.
 4. Microsoft company link on how to create a personalized and engaging remote learning experience for all students.
 5. Attorney Perry Zirkel's December Legal Update on a NY Class Action suit on behalf of SwD as a result of COVID-19 school closure.
- II. **CESA #7 Report:**
No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

NEXT MEETING - DATE: March 17th, 2020
Location: Virtual

TIME: 10:00 a.m.