

State Board of Education Ripton Status Report Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Teams Meeting/Video/Teleconference
Call in #: 1-802-828-7667, Conference ID: 324 644 234#

Date: August 10, 2022

Present:

State Board of Education (SBE) Subcommittee Members: Oliver Olsen - Chair, Tammy Kolbe, Kim Gleason, Jenna O'Farrell, Lyle Jepson

Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys, Suzanne Sprague, Donna Russo-Savage

Others: N/A

Call to Order, Roll Call, Amendments to the Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. The roll call was taken. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 2 and August 3, 2022

Kim Gleason made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2 and August 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jenna O'Farrell and passed unanimously.

Public to be Heard

There were not public to be heard.

Committee Discussion/Vote: Committee Report on Findings and Opinion of Ripton's Preparedness for a July 1, 2023 Implementation Date

Oliver Olsen thanked all the participants in the process and particularly Donna Russo-Savage and Tammy Kolbe in preparing the draft Preparedness Statement.

Kim Gleason suggested that finding #5 was an observation and not a finding. She suggested that it be labeled as such. It was agreed that it would be relabeled and repositioned in the document after the executive summary and before next steps.

Donna Russo-Savage will finalize the document, with any suggested edits, and send it to Oliver Olsen.

Kim Gleason suggested that the links to minutes, handouts and recordings should be noted within the document where meetings are noted. If it is not overly complicated, links will be added.

Oliver Olsen suggested revised language concerning the “deficiency” in the process set forth in the former rule 724. He provided an example of an edit. Oliver Olsen further suggested edits in Finding #1 Item 3, adding clarity on the issue of comingling of funds between the town and school district.

Kim Gleason suggested edits, which were documented by Donna Russo-Savage for inclusion in the text of the Statement, including the addition of a link to the Addison Central School District (ACSD) facilities report referenced during deliberations.

A motion was made by Kim Gleason to approve the final draft, with the amendments as discussed and to authorize the chair to submit it to the full State Board of Education at the upcoming meeting on Friday, August 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jenna O’Farrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Steve Cash joined the meeting and suggested that he may have comments for the full State Board of Education at Friday’s meeting.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Kim Gleason to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. It was seconded by Lyle Jepson and passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Lyle Jepson.

