

Accredited Nonpublic School Advisory Committee Meeting
December 10, 2013
Grimes State Office Building—State Board Room
1:00 p.m.

Present – Mike Cormack, Dave Tilly, Nicole Proesch, Jeff Henderson, Luvern Gubbels, Lee Morrison, Wayne Dykstra, Darrell Veenstra, Joan Thompson, Thomas Mayes, Jerry Deegan, Nicole Proesch, Julie Delaney, Thomas Maze, Phil Wise, Amy Williamson, and Sarah Brown.

Reading Initiative – Dave Tilly gave an overview of how this bill came to pass and get funded over the past two legislative sessions. Amy Williamson walked the group through the early literacy requirements. Nonpublic schools are not specifically included in the bill and rules. However, all nonpublic schools have the option as to its level of participation. All schools still determine the curricular approach it takes with reading. The information will be presented through webinars and face-to-face meetings. The major items involved in this program include early identification finding students with substantial reading deficiency, universal screening as chose locally, students receive assistance through a scientifically research-based reading program for 90 minutes per day with progress monitoring and potential retention in third grade if not reading with special circumstances for retention exemption. The committee discussed the nuances of the proposed rules.

Special Education Delivery in Nonpublic Schools – Thomas Mayes and Sarah Brown discussed options related to IEP support for nonpublic students by the local nonpublic school under public supervision.

Legislative Update – The pre-filed clean up bill will include the language to the start date waiver for nonpublic schools. Innovative calendar requests are to be sent to Amy Williamson. The DE will be focusing on K-3 Literacy to follow up with previous bills.

Future Meetings will be February 11, 2014 and May 13, 2014 in Des Moines.