SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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MAJOR POLICY - Immediate Action (2/3 rd vote required)

There were no actions for immediate action for major policy.

MAJOR POLICY - First or Second Reading

There were not actions for first or second reading.

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

A. NBI 6/12-19 That CTA sponsor legislation making it illegal for school board members to act as advocates in IEP meetings in the jurisdiction of their board of service.

   The Special Education Committee voted and disapproved NBI sponsoring legislation. However, the Committee believes that this issue has merit and is not limited to special education and other instances of conflict of interest. Furthermore, the Committee believes that the appropriate steps to address school board related issues should occur at the local level by reviewing current school board bylaws and policies, communication with California School Board Association and through local organizing.

REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

None

MATTERS PENDING

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The committee received information from the Credentials Professional Development Committee (CPD) about the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing December agenda item on RtI and MTSS. The Committee held a discussion and provided recommendations to CPD.

2. The committee established the following subcommittees: Policy, Legislation, Common Core State Standards, and Current Trends. Subcommittees met.

3. The Committee received a report from legislative advocate, Isabelle Garcia. Isabelle gave the committee an update on the current legislation situation. Agenda from State Board meeting shared with emphasis on statewide assessment. Deadline for introducing bills is February 23, 2013.

4. The Committee heard from Rick McClure on NBI 6/12-19 –Discussion was held. Motion was moved, second and passed unanimously to disapproved NBI 6/12-19

5. The Committee received reports from liaisons:
   California Speech, Language and Hearing (CSHA), Trina Brown, CSHA has a new task force regarding average caseload of 55 for SLPs in public schools. CSHA would like to obtain information from school districts regarding contract language to address caseload limits.
   Organization for Special Educators (CARS+), Alan Rawlins, CARS+ Convention is February 15-16, Oakland, CA. Dr. Fred Balcom and Michael Pritchard are going to be speakers. CTA members get a discount using the registration code **ctadisc13.**
   Advisory Commission on Special Education (ACSE), Rebekah Acord and Kelly Connell Sandler, reported they were to select SEC members to review proposed changes to Title 5 Regulations to submit to California Department of Education by February 15, 2013.
   California School Psychologists Association (CASP), Josie Meza Malik; The association is concerned about escalating violence in America and in California. The National Association of School Psychologists' website, nasponline.org and the California Association of School Psychologists' website has information on to assist in addressing this issue. CASP Fall Convention was held October 25-26, Costa Mesa Hilton. Spring Convention will be April 18-19, Sacramento Arden Doubletree Hotel
   Communities of Practice on Secondary Transition, Ed Amundson, shared information about the discussions which have occurred about the impact of Common Core Standards on special education students and the possible need for a state-wide certificate of completion for special education students who do not meet Common Core Standards.

6. The Committee received a report from the SEC Vice Chair, Jennifer Moon shared information about the CTA IFT Think Tank. Recommendation for all CTA members to share information with all education colleagues about the CTA IFT Region IV new Facebook page, **I Am A Great Teacher**. This is a discussion forum for educators to share successes and provide input on professional practice.

7. The Committee received report from the SEC Recorder, Pamela Greenhalgh. Information provided about the special education concerns in her district and the successes in her local when the local organized around special education issues using the Special Education: CTA Advocacy, Organizing, and Bargaining handbook.

8. The Committee received a report from the SEC/CTA Board Liaison Tyrone Cabell, about upcoming Governor's visit, the planning of the 150th year celebration, and information about May 22, 2013 Presidents Lobby Day in Sacramento.

9. Staff Report from the SEC consultant, Stacy Begin, shared a resource for special education issues. Educators can send special education related questions and concerns confidentially to a secure CDE email address speceducation@cde.ca.gov

10. Strategic Planning Discussion was held. The Committee reviewed, discussed and provided input for the three discussion questions. This information was recorded and will be shared with Strategic Planning Committee.