

M.O.R.E. Commission
Special Education Select Working Group

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 21, 2014

6:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of Hamden Middle School

- I. CONVENE MEETING
- II. REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIRS
- III. REMARKS BY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE BRENDAN SHARKEY
- IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
- V. PRESENTATIONS BY INVITED GUESTS: WHAT ARE THE SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AND WHAT ARE SOME POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS?
 - a. Superintendent Jody Goeler, Hamden Public Schools
 - b. Robert Mancusi, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Wallingford Public Schools
 - c. Anna and Chris Sagnella, Parents of a Child with Special Needs
 - d. John Keegan, Chair, Hamden Board of Education
 - e. Patricia Alvarez, Parent of a Child with Special Needs
 - f. Valarie Coppola, Coordinator of Early Childhood Special Education, Hamden Public Schools
 - g. Kimberley Planas, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Hamden Public Schools
 - h. Julie Swanson, Professional Special Education Advocate, CT Parent Special Education Attorneys and Advocates
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
- VII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Members of the public are welcome to submit written testimony to the working group in lieu of or in addition to providing oral testimony. Submitted written testimony will be posted on the MORE Commission website.