

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, March 13, 2025

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Angela Telfer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Meeting participants introduced themselves.

**Members in Attendance**

Kendall Newhouse, Portage; Sarah Baird, Portage; Jen Docsa-Kohler, Comstock; Latrieva Boston, Parchment.

**Directors/Administrators in Attendance**

Angela Telfer, KRESA; Dedrick Martin, KRESA Superintendent; Skip Knowles, KRESA Board President

**Informal Discussion/ISD Board Selection Process**

Dr. Martin and Skip Knowles explained to the group how ISD Board Members are elected (through local board elections) and selected to serve on the KRESA board.

- All regions are represented on the KRESA Board
  - Eastern Service Area: Climax-Scotts, Comstock, Galesburg, Gull Lake, Parchment
  - Central Service Area: Kalamazoo Public Schools
  - Southern Service Area: Portage, Schoolcraft, Vicksburg

PAC members asked questions related to their current concerns regarding funding for Special Education as it relates to what they are hearing about the U.S. Department of Education cuts and the impact on students. All in attendance agreed it was a very helpful discussion and should continue to be an agenda item in future years.

**Selection of PAC Award Winners**

PAC members read all the submissions and selected winners of the Excellence in Special Education Awards for the 2024-2025 School Year. Winners will receive a mounted plaque, and nominees will be given a certificate of appreciation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.