

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 24, 2021

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 3:45 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center and via Zoom.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:49 p.m.

Present

Chair Kirat Doshi, Dana Evans, Sherilyn Genin, Emily Hanlon, Allison Hannam, Katie Hannigan, Megan Hewitt, Lisa Niforatos, Kevin Russell, Michelle Rzepka, Bruce Swanson.

Absent

Nicholas Allchin, Kathy Catalani, Laura Duffy, Mike Ghawaly, Emily Hanus, Geoff Neustadt, Jason Suchy.

Approval of Minutes

Megan Hewitt moved and Sherilyn Genin seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Legislative Forum Recap

The new virtual format was very successful. The small breakout groups allowed for more interaction with the other districts, and the prepared questions made groups more effective. A higher number of legislators participated and there were higher levels of engagement. Some suggestions generated by the committee:

- In the whole group, it would have helped to determine which legislator would answer first.
- Maybe add a break to keep participants engaged near the end
- Maybe keep the virtual attendance option for legislators
- Consider whether there are any additional groups who should be invited
- Consider more participation from students: have their own questions to ask legislators

Legislative Update

It was noted that President Biden has called for schools to resume in-person instruction.

IEA/NEA Update

None.

PTA Communications

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Michelle Rzepka moved and Katie Hannigan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.