

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 4, 2023

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 3:45 p.m. at O’Neill Middle School.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:47 p.m.

Present

Emily Hanus, Faith Behr, Sarah Borgetti Ebenezer, Zac Craft, Jacqueline Jourjy, Kevin Russell, Kelly Novotny

Absent

Chuck Brewster, Melissa Ellis, Kathy Catalani, Samantha Figueroa, Emily Hanlon, Allison Hannam, Jason Suchy, Zabrina Tumaitis Namba, Catherine Thacker Shiliga, Bruce Swanson

Approval of Minutes

Zac Craft moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2023 and Kelly Novotny seconded the motion.

Review of 2023 IASB Resolutions Committee Report

The committee discussed the proposed resolutions that will be voted on at the IASB Delegate Assembly in November, and made the following recommendations:

1. Industrial Construction/Pleasantdale 107
 1. IASB committee recommended do not adopt
 2. Local control is most appropriate
 3. DO NOT ADOPT

2. School Resource Officer Funding/Homer 33C
 1. Safety is priority
 2. Additional funding would allow schools to hire SROs if necessary
 3. DO ADOPT

3. Bus Driver Regulations/Mercer County 404
 1. Ease regulations to allow local officials to train and test bus drivers to make hiring faster to alleviate bus driver shortage
 2. Increased funding for transportation reimbursement
 3. DO ADOPT

4. Employment History Review/Unity Point 140
 1. New hiring process requirement for review of sexual misconduct allegations—advocate for using DCFS’ existing CANTS system

2. Possibly response from CANTS would delay hiring decisions; not nationwide
 3. District admin will research to provide more info to Board before they vote
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5. Alternative Safe School Funding/Geneseo 228
 1. Additional funding for alternative safe schools, certification for behavior analysts, flexibility in student discipline
 2. IASB committee recommends DO NOT ADOPT because a position statement already exists regarding evidence-based funding system that funds alternative schools
 3. DO NOT ADOPT

Legislative Breakfast

The committee discussed tentative dates for the Legislative Breakfast: Friday, February 2, 2024, and a back-up date of February 16. The legislative session calendar will be consulted to check for conflicts.

Legislative Update

The latest legislative updates include unfunded mandates. ESSER funding expires this year. The District has funded some staff positions with ESSER funds to compensate for pandemic learning loss, and may have to eliminate those positions or find alternative funding.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Zac Craft moved and Sarah Ebenezer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.