

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
Minutes of January 31, 2018

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. at the Administrative Service Center.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 a.m.

**Present**

Gwen Box, Kathy Catalani, Kari Cremascoli, Laura Duffy, Megan Hewitt, Geoff Neustadt, Lorie Pilster, Michelle Rzepka, Bruce Swanson, and Beth Taylor

**Absent**

Dan Gilbert, Angela Rodriguez, Jill Samonte, and Bob Trojanowski

**Approval of Minutes**

Megan Hewitt moved and Kathy Catalani seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

**Legislative Breakfast**

The Legislative Breakfast will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018 @ 7:30 a.m., and will take place at O'Neill Middle School.

As of 1/31/18 the responses from legislators are as follows:

Patti Bellock has not sent an RSVP, but indicated she would be in attendance

John Curran will be in attendance

David Olsen will be in attendance

Bill Foster has not sent an RSVP, but his aide indicated he could attend the beginning

Chris Nybo will not be in attendance

Peter Breen did not respond

Peter Roskam did not respond

The questions are complete and have been assigned to committee members or others to ask.

Question 1 to Congressman Foster will be asked by Kathy Catalani.

Question 2 regarding Senate Bill 851 Property Tax Freeze, will be asked by David Bein.

Question 3 to Senator Curran will be asked by Bruce Swanson.

Question 4 regarding Evidence Based Funding will be asked by Lorie Pilster

Question 5 regarding unfunded mandates will be asked by Michelle Rzepka if time permits

Matt Durbala has arranged for musical entertainment to be performed as attendees arrive.

Megan will provide legislator introductions for student council members.

Megan will assist with an opening script for Beth.

When attendees are picking up their nametags, Melissa will let them know that the breakfast will be starting a little earlier this year to allow legislators the opportunity to have something to eat and dialog at their tables. At approximately 7:45-7:50 attendees will be asked to make their plates and takes their seats.

Agenda Order (times are approximate):

7:30 arrival & student performance

7:45-7:50 – Beth will ask attendees to please fill up their plates and coffee and take their seat

8:10 Beth will give opening remarks and introduce Matt Durbala

Matt Durbala will introduce Student Council who will lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Council will introduce legislators who will then take their seat at the front table

Question/Answer (no mic for questions)

Closing remarks – Kari

9:00 a.m. breakfast wrapped up

### **Legislative Update**

Beth attended the LEND and ED-RED meetings. Both organizations talked about the Evidence Based Funding legislation. Gov. Rauner issued an amendatory veto of SB 444. There is a clean-up bill for the evidence-based funding, SB 1947. The next move is for the Senate to act.

The committee discussed the value of the District continuing membership in both LEND and ED-RED. The meetings tend to be duplicative, and there is a cost to the District for membership to both organizations. It was generally felt the District could not renew the ED-RED membership. LEND focus tends to be more in Du Page County, and the majority of neighboring districts only attend LEND meetings. The membership is in effect for the rest of this year, so there is time for the committee to do more investigation and discuss again at an upcoming meeting.

Beth had a listing of unfunded mandates from IASB's website, and noted that approximately 20 of them impact District 58, for example AED requirements.

### **PTA Communications**

Kari shared that the PTA Council meeting was focused on the District's Strategic Plan update.

### **IEA, NEA Concerns**

IEA/NEA are busy preparing for elections, and have begun recommendation meetings. They met with candidates for Governor and Attorney General. They interviewed 5 candidates.

IPACE will endorse JB Pritzker because he has expressed a commitment to bringing educators to the table when there is an education issue.  
Kathy provided a copy of Congressman Bill Foster's response regarding DACA.

**Other Concerns**

None

**Reception of Visitors**

None

**Reporter for next BOE meeting**

Monday, February 12, 2018 7:00 p.m. at the Downers Grove Village Hall.  
Beth Taylor will report.

**Adjournment**

Geoff Neustadt moved and Bruce Swanson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 a.m.