

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 18, 2017

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 3:45 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 p.m.

Present

Gwendolyn Box, Kathy Catalani, Kari Cremascoli, Megan Hewitt, John Miller (chair), Geoff Neustadt, Lorie Pilster, Marty Scott, Elizabeth Sigale, Bruce Swanson, and Bob Trojanowski.

Absent

Tony Coglianesi, Matt Neustadt, Angie Rybarczyk, and Roberta Diehl (ex officio).

Approval of Minutes

Bob Trojanowski moved and Kathy Catalani seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Legislative Breakfast

The Legislative Breakfast will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017 at O'Neill Middle School. Several question topics were discussed. Megan Hewitt and Lorie Pilster will draft questions based on the discussion. Draft questions will be brought to the Committee in February for finalization. Once finalized, Megan will forward the questions to the attending legislators.

The topics for the questions are as follows:

- Special Education therapeutic and day school funding formulas
- SB1110 Property Tax Freeze
- Question for State Representative David Olsen regarding how he is educating himself on issues that relate to public education
- Evidence based funding model
- Tax code question regarding manufacturing versus service economy
- Federal question – Top five priorities for the Department of Education and how will the Department of Education guide and govern states to develop their assessments (Common Core, PARCC, Science)?
- Wrap-up question regarding Illinois passing a budget

The format for the Breakfast will remain the same. Megan will look into the possibility of having O'Neill students involved by filming, podcasting, or blogging.

Legislative Update

The Alliance Legislative Report from January 10, 2017 was distributed.

PTA Communications

Parents have reached out to the Board expressing interest in joining Board committees such as the Legislative Committee. Interested community members may be in attendance at the next Legislative Committee meeting.

IEA, NEA Concerns

Main IEA/NEA areas of focus include a proposed two-year property tax freeze, Workers' Compensation changes, and pension reform.

Other Concerns

None

Reception of Visitors

None

Reporter for next BOE meeting

Monday, February 13, 2017 7:00 p.m. at Longfellow Center
John Miller will report.

Adjournment

Bob Trojanowski moved and Kathy Catalani seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.