

**DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of December 8, 2021**

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 3:45 p.m. at Herrick Middle School.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:52 p.m.

**Present**

Emily Hanus, Kevin Russell, Sarah Borgetti Ebenezer, Bryant Cobo, Zac Craft, Samantha Figueroa, Sherilyn Genin, Megan Hewitt, Sonali Patil, and Bruce Swanson.

**Absent**

Nicholas Allchin, Kathy Catalani, Melissa Ellis, Matthew Elster, Dana Evans, Emily Hanlon, Allison Hannam, Geoff Neustadt, Jason Suchy, and Zabrina Tumaitis Namba.

**Approval of Minutes**

Sherilyn Genin moved to approve the minutes of October 27, 2021; Samantha Figueroa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Legislative Breakfast**

Several legislators have already agreed to attend, including Congressmen Sean Casten and Bill Foster. The committee discussed possible question topics:

- Federal infrastructure bill: how will it benefit schools?
- Staffing shortages
- Vaccination requirements, mask mandates
- NSLP and food program
- Staffing shortages for transportation
- Planning facility tours to highlight district needs
- Tackling learning loss
- SEL/Mental health: supports from federal government
- Testing accountability for ranking students
- Regulation of social media

The committee also discussed the format for the event, considering 15-30 minutes of informal conversation, followed by approximately an hour of formal questions and answers, including small group breakout sessions with the state legislators. Questions for the federal legislators will be first in case they cannot stay for the whole event.

Due to the pandemic, only beverages will be served.

**Legislative Updates**

The most recent state and federal legislative updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards were shared with the committee.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.