

**DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of February 26, 2020**

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, February 2020 at 3:45 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center.

**Call to Order**

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

**Present**

Chair Kirat Doshi, Nicholas Allchin, Sherilyn Genin, Bruce Swanson, Emily Hanlon, Katie Hannigan, Emily Hanus, Kathy Catalani, Kevin Russell, Megan Hewitt, Michelle Rzepka.

**Absent**

Dan Gilbert, Gwendolyn Box, Geoff Neustadt, Lisa Niforatos, Jason Suchy, Laura Duffy, Mike Ghawaly.

**Approval of Minutes**

Emily Hanlon moved and Kathy Catalani seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**Legislative Breakfast Recap**

The new structure with only two longer questions was a success. Next year it could be helpful to ask the audience to prepare questions ahead of time. A survey will be sent to all attendees to see what they liked and what they might change about the event. Feedback from other superintendents and board members was positive and they appreciated the networking time. In the future, questions focused on neighboring districts might be included.

**Legislative Update**

- Upcoming proposed legislation may include property tax changes.
- Evidence-based funding revenues may be affected by the result of the vote on the Fair Tax.
- Tax revenues from marijuana sales are higher than expected, and school districts may be able to lobby that some revenue goes toward education.
- Locally, two TIFs will be coming off in the next several years, adding approximately \$100,000,000 in new property to the District's tax rolls.
- Tier 1 retirees can still sub for 120 days, which is intended to help with the teacher/sub shortage.

**IEA/NEA Concerns**

IEA/NEA provided a handout regarding the upcoming primary elections. Early voting is open and the election date is March 17, 2020.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Bruce Swanson moved and Megan Hewitt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.