

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 9, 2019

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 3:45 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:46 p.m.

Present

Katie Hannigan, Dan Gilbert, Emily Hanus, Emily Hanlon, Kathy Catalani, Kevin Russell, Kirat Doshi, Lisa Niforatos, Megan Hewitt, Nicholas Allchin, Sherilyn Genin.

Absent

Bruce Swanson, Geoff Neustadt, Gwendolyn Box, Jason Suchy, Jim Cagle, Laura Duffy, Michelle Rzepka, Mike Ghawaly.

Approval of Minutes

Kathy Catalani moved and Emily Hanlon seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Committee Charge

Kirat Doshi reviewed the committee charge. It was noted that District 58 is one of the few districts in the area that engages in this type of committee.

IASB Delegate Assembly – Review of 2019 Resolutions

With 18 resolutions, the committee agreed that there was insufficient time to discuss them all during one committee meeting. The committee prioritized several resolutions and asked that the remainder be reviewed by the administrative team.

- Resolution 1: Allowing volunteers to carry a concealed weapon, given proper certifications/training and FOID card requirement. The committee noted that police, legislators and unions are opposed, and there is not data to show that arming volunteers in schools would resolve any issues. Though local control is important, emergency responders are better prepared than a trained school staff member ever could be. Liability issues could also arise. **OPPOSE**
- Resolution 3: Providing grants for schools based on need (financial need or geography—distance from first responders) to hire school resource officers who may carry a weapon. The committee supports providing additional resources to schools that need SROs. **SUPPORT**
- Resolution 4: This school-specific resolution permitting Peoria SD 150 to re-establish a district police force doesn't directly affect District 58, but could open the door for a future unfunded mandate. **OPPOSE**

- **Resolution 6:** Mandates municipalities to provide increase traffic safety measures. District 58 currently advocates for these measures with the Village of Downers Grove to improve safety. **SUPPORT**
- **Resolution 10:** This resolution provides local authority to offer compensation to school board members. **OPPOSE**
- **Resolution 13:** Repeal of prevailing wage legislation, which regulates the wages of laborers employed by or under contract for work in school districts. The legislation makes the cost of labor significantly higher for school districts. The committee was split, and will allow the administrative team to make a recommendation.

Legislative Update

Kathy Catalani shared a document listing recently passed legislation.

PTA Communications

None.

IEA, NEA Concerns

None.

Legislative Breakfast Planning

Planning will begin at November meeting.

Reception of Visitors

No visitors attended the meeting.

Reporter for next BOE meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall

Kirat Doshi

Adjournment

Emily Hanlon moved and Dan Gilbert seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.