

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 15, 2017

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 3:45 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:48 p.m.

Present

Gwendolyn Box, Kathy Catalani, Tony Coglianese, Kari Cremascoli, Laura Duffy, Dan Gilbert, Megan Hewitt, John Miller (chair), Lorie Pilster, Angela Rodriguez, Elizabeth Sigale, Bruce Swanson, and Bob Trojanowski.

Absent

Geoff Neustadt, 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 February 15, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Legislative Breakfast Recap

John Miller shared history of the Legislative Breakfast for new Committee members. The Committee recapped the Breakfast, which took place on Friday, March 10, 2017. Time did not allow for a question on special education to be asked during the Legislative Breakfast. Elizabeth Sigale suggested submitting a resolution focused on that topic to the IASB Resolutions Committee for consideration by the entire Delegate Assembly at the Triple I Conference in November 2017.

Considerations for 2018 Legislative Breakfast:

- Include Village of Downers Grove representatives in the discussion, like the mayor for example.
- Have attendees be seated at their tables in a timelier manner. Perhaps have a tabletop discussion prior to the structured portion of the Breakfast where the questions are asked.

Legislative Update

Information outlining Congressman Roskam's top priorities was distributed. There was some discussion regarding Roskam's School Nutrition Assistance priority.

IASB Alliance Legislative Report dated March 10, 2017 was provided to members.

The three pieces of legislation that the District is following closely (property tax freeze, pension cost shift, and assessment requirements) were reviewed.

PTA Communications

None

IEA, NEA Concerns

Kathy Catalani provided some legislative issues of concern

Other Concerns

There was a discussion regarding the scheduling of Committee meetings. 3:45 p.m. is inconvenient for participation by community members. One suggestion was to consider scheduling meetings just prior to Board meetings. This could be discussed during the reorganization of the Board of Education.

Reception of Visitors

No comments were made at this time.

Reporter for next BOE meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at Longfellow Center
John Miller will report.

Adjournment

Bob Trojanowski moved and Tony Coglianese seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.