

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 21, 2020

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 3:45 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center and via Zoom.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:51 p.m.

Present

Chair Kirat Doshi, Emily Hanus, Sherilyn Genin, Emily Hanlon, Katie Hannigan, Kevin Russell, Michelle Rzepka.

Absent

Nicholas Allchin, Gwendolyn Box, Kathy Catalani, Laura Duffy, Geoff Neustadt, Jason Suchy, Bruce Swanson.

Approval of Minutes

Katie Hannigan moved and Michelle Rzepka seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

IASB Resolutions

The committee reviewed the proposed resolutions that will be before the IASB Delegate Assembly in November.

1. Loan Program: **OPPOSE** the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Not Adopt.
2. Gun Storage: Raises the age at which homes would be required to lock up guns away from children, but seems out of the realm of school districts. SUPPORT the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Not Adopt.
3. School Report Card: Would direct ISBE to disclose school report card data for the current academic year by June 1. The June 1 date would not be helpful as testing data is not yet available. SUPPORT the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Not Adopt.
4. Pre-K Teacher Licensure: The committee discussed the prevalence of the teacher shortage versus the critical need for effective literacy education. **OPPOSE** the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Not Adopt.
5. Teacher Shortage: Provisional licensing has been very effective in certain areas, but the proposed resolution is too broad. Special education is a particular concern. **OPPOSE** the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Adopt.
6. E-learning on Election Day: Allows for e-learning on days in which the schools have to be used for polling places or for a health response. SUPPORT the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Adopt.
7. Local Control Pandemic: Proposes a regional approach as opposed to district-by-district. SUPPORT the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Adopt.
8. Local Control Pandemic: Duplicative of previous resolution, but less consistently applied within regions. SUPPORT the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Not Adopt.

- 9, 10, 11. Charter School Funding: Gives local school boards a voice in how funds are distributed. SUPPORT the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Adopt.
12. Equity Belief Statement: No concerns regarding the inclusion of an equity statement, which is long overdue. SUPPORT the Resolution Committee's recommendation of Do Adopt.

Next steps: Member Doshi and Member Hanus will discuss these with the Board at the November 9 meeting and Member Hanus will vote on the District's behalf at the Delegate Assembly.

Legislative Update

LEND updates were included for committee members; no discussion necessary.

Legislative Breakfast

The proposed date for the virtual Legislative Breakfast is February 19, with February 5 as a backup. Current legislators are responding positively to these dates, but coming elections may result in change in representation. The committee discussed various ways to format the virtual event (*i.e.* webinar, small group breakout sessions followed by general session). The format depends on the goal: should participants be active, or should all attendees be able to hear all answers to a set of questions? The format may depend on what legislation pertinent to education is on the table. Other districts may want the opportunity to choose which legislator to group with. Breakout sessions should be moderated. Dr. Russell will reach out to Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Learning Dr. James Eichmiller about potential solutions.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Emily Hanus moved and Sherilyn Genin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.