

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 22, 2021

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 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

Emily Hanus, Allison Hannam, Kathy Catalani, Bruce Swanson, Melissa Ellis, Geoff Neustadt, Bryant Cobo, Sonali Patil, Zac Craft, Megan Hewitt, Sherilyn Genin, Kevin Russell

Absent

Dana Evans, Emily Hanlon, Jason Suchy, Lisa Niforatos, Nicholas Allchin

Approval of Minutes

Geoff Neustadt moved and Megan Hewitt seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Legislative Update

One of the important tasks of the Board of Education is to send a board member to the IASB Delegate Assembly at the Triple I conference in Chicago in November. The legislative committee gives counsel to board members, to agree or disagree with IASB recommendations. We may need a special meeting after we receive IASB recommendations.

The board members and Dr. Russell stay in touch with legislators, especially with local legislators, county board members and village officials.

Dr. Russell has been working with local health department to lobby legislators. Some topics of focus have been:

- Changing definition of close contact on a bus.
- Test to stay, not supported by local health department even though IDPH supported it.

The District held a vaccination clinic for teachers and municipal workers along with seniors.

DuPage PADS is housing the growing homeless population in underutilized hotels such as Red Roof Inn. PADS is planning to buy Red Roof Inn with federal money and county board help. They plan on presenting to the county board in November for approval.

The committee would like to know how the District could be supported financially, for wrap-around services, social assistance, transportation with increase in population. Some possibilities include:

- Navigator stipend-county social work program to provide someone who will work with the kids.
- Student distribution to other schools as numbers increase at a particular location.
- Other services in the community that can benefit the parents/adults.

Legislative Breakfast

Legislators, community members and administrators will be invited. Question and answer with legislators with focus on education legislation. Last year the breakfast was done virtually with breakout rooms. It was well received. Maybe plan on doing part virtually and part breakout rooms. Aramark is a potential site.

Potential dates: January 28, 2022, with a back-up date of January 14, 2022.

IEA/NEA Update

IEA interviews candidates who indicate inclination to run for office. They support the candidates based on their views on education topics. Their recommendations go to IPACE committee at state. Encourage student teaching at higher education institutions.

PTA Communications

PTA meetings ongoing.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Melissa Ellis moved and Geoff Neustadt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.