

DISTRICT 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of April 17, 2019

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 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

Kirat Doshi, Chair; Kathy Catalani, Kari Cremascoli, Emily Hanlon, Katie Hannigan, Megan Hewitt, Lisa Niforatos, Michelle Rzepka, Bruce Swanson.

Absent

Elizabeth Sigale, Gwen Box, Jim Cagle, Laura Duffy, Mike Ghawaly, Dan Gilbert, Geoff Neustadt, and Jason Suchy.

Approval of Minutes

Katie Hannigan moved and Kathy Catalani seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Legislative Breakfast Recap

The committee discussed the Legislative Breakfast, noting successes, challenges, and ideas for the future.

- Nice to add surrounding districts to the invite list
- Mingling time with music before the formal program was valuable; in future, suggest announcement to seat people and give them 10 minutes to introduce themselves
- Struggle to get legislators to attend (several canceled within 24 hours of event):
 - Look at changing time of year?
 - Send a letter (“how can we structure the event so you’re able to attend in the future?”)
 - Advertise that more districts are involved
 - Draft a “Sorry we missed you” letter—Megan Hewitt will send this

Legislative Update

The committee discussed the following proposed legislation:

- SB2075: changes the compulsory school age to mandate kindergarten. The District is believed to be in compliance. Possible consideration that required kindergarten will lead to higher enrollment.
- SB1952: Changes the 3% salary cap back to a 6% cap
- HB3606: regarding student data privacy
- SB1798: would like more clarification on “age-appropriate policy on sexual harassment”

PTA Communications

None

IEA, NEA Concerns

The associations are looking for more support to repeal the lowered salary cap, which could impact the teacher shortage. ESP of the Year award has been signed into law. The House will vote on the Dream Act in the near future. NEA is also pushing support of the Keep Our Pact Act, related to federal funding of Title I and IDEA programs.

Draft Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule 2019-2020

Priority historically has been placed on keeping current members in place and ensuring continuity. Next year will meet every alternate month.

Reception of Visitors

None

Reporter for next BOE meeting

Monday, May 13, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall
Kirat Doshi

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.