

**Board Legislative Committee Meeting
by Video Conference
December 9, 2020**

Meeting Notes

Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement Statement

Through video conference, Chair Doran called the Legislative Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He read the Land Acknowledgement Statement, "As a committee of the school board, we would like to take this moment to respectfully acknowledge we are residing on the traditional land of the Dena (pronounced duhNAY) people."

Mission Statement

Chair Doran read the district's Mission Statement: *Our mission is to provide an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society.*

Roll Call [0:00:35]

Committee Members Present & Comprising a Quorum: [0:00:31]

Timothy Doran, Committee Chair & Board President
Erin Morotti, Committee Representative & Board Treasurer
Chrya Sanderson, Committee Representative & Board Clerk
Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent
Sarah Gillam, FPA President
Sandi Ryan, FEA President
Robert Kinnard, Community Representative

Excused:

Jasmine Adkins-Brown, ESSA President

Staff Present:

John Ringstad, District Lobbyist
Andreau DeGraw, Chief Operations Officer
Mark Nilson, Executive Director of Facilities Maintenance
Rebecca Hurbi, Acting Executive Director of Communications, Development & Engagement
Sharon Tuttle, Executive Assistant to the Board & Committee Administrative Support

Adoption of the Agenda [0:01:28]

Asking for and hearing no objection to adopting the agenda and meeting notes from November 18, 2020, Chair Doran moved the agenda adopted and the meeting notes approved.

Current and Future Legislation [0:01:53]

John Ringstad, district lobbyist, and Dr. Gaborik, spoke to current and future legislation, including:

- SB 86: Alaska Reads Act;
- Governor's Budget to be released;
- Education funding;
- Legislator's vision for the state and how education fit into it and how districts could help achieve that vision;
- Bond debt reimbursement; and
- Hold Harmless Clause, due to the reduction of enrollment;

Chair Doran announced he, Dr. Gaborik, Mr. DeGraw, and Mr. Ringstad, had met with some members of the Interior Delegation, and would continue to meet with the remaining members as possible.

Education Issues [0:11:01]

Committee members received the Association of Alaska School Boards' position statements and resolutions.

2021-2022 Legislative Priorities Work [0:12:31]

The committee reviewed the text drafted for the 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities, based upon the committee's discussion and input from the November 18 meeting. Superintendent Dr. Gaborik facilitated the committee's review of the draft text. She noted the text needed to be refined and reduced to fit into the brochure.

Committee members commented and provided input on each of the brochure sections. A final draft would be available for the January 11 Legislative Committee Meeting. The committee's draft priorities were scheduled to go before the full board for approval at its January 19, 2021 meeting.

Covid-19 recovery was the focus of the district's priorities, as it had affected every aspect of the school district and education. The committee's recommendations would be incorporated into the next draft of the brochure. The priorities brochure would also include information on district demographics and staff recognition and awards.

Dr. Gaborik would continue to work with Rebecca Hurbi, executive director of communication, development, and engagement, to finalize the text. Ms. Hurbi would work on the layout and design for the committee's consideration at its next meeting.

Committee Comments/Announcements [1:32:03]

Chair Doran thanked committee members for their input. The committee was scheduled to meet to finalize their final draft of the priorities on January 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Tuttle, Legislative Committee administrative support & Board of Education executive assistant.